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COMMENT OF THE DAY

A Timely Speech

THE forthright comments which Mr. Cassidy made on official trading restrictions when he addressed the General Chamber of Commerce yesterday were not inappropriate. The unhappy effects of these impositions are all too clear. Not only has the Colony's mercantile and industrial communities been made to bear the full brunt of the restrictions, but, as Mr. Cassidy emphasises, a good deal of legitimate trade with Communist China has, in consequence, been diverted to the satellite bloc. Trade lost is difficult to regain, and without a reasonably free interflow of international trade, Hongkong is automatically placed in a difficult position. The Colony appreciates the partial modifications which have been made in the original total ban on American raw materials and commodities, yet it is significant that at this moment Hongkong has to congratulate itself on the fact that it possesses useful reserves upon which to survive the current recession. No business community can exist too long on reserves, and it is this which makes it vitally important that our trade should be freed as soon as possible from cumbersome and unrealistic restrictions. It is cold comfort to be assured that Washington does not consider that the reins she has applied in trade between Hongkong and the United States represents or is intended to be an embargo. However described, the restrictions spell danger to the Colony's economic life, and their application at a time when the rest of the world is showing signs of tightening purse strings, makes Hongkong's position even more compromising.

LOCAL traders will view with special interest Mr. Cassidy's observations on the standard of Hongkong manufactured commodities. The necessity for our industries to concentrate on good quality has been stressed time and again by competent judges. No little satisfaction is to be derived from the disclosure that local manufacturers of certain lines are showing a keener awareness of the desirability of maintaining standard specifications. Shoddy made articles can do no good to our industries, more particularly as most of the overseas markets are highly competitive and buyers are in a position to demand the best at acceptable prices. Much of the value of Hongkong being represented at the British Industries Fair is lost if contract orders do not measure up to samples. Moreover, products which do not realise specifications inevitably must shake confidence in the fidelity of our manufacturers, and accordingly have an adverse effect on the Colony's efforts to expand its export trade. It is the duty of our industrialists to make a determined effort to raise as high as possible the quality of their commodities. To win and retain the confidence of overseas purchasers in this direction is worth more to our industries than participation in exhibitions, no matter how attractively and invitingly the Colony's products are displayed.

BEA HELICOPTER SERVICES

London, Mar. 31. British European Airways plans a network of giant helicopter services to cover all major cities within 300 miles of London, chief executive P. Beedfield announced today. He said that the scheme must wait until BEA had 100 pilot-passenger helicopters, which it had recently specified.

TIME ON THE SIDE OF THE WEST—Attlee

Reviews Prospects Of Defeating Communism

Philadelphia, Mar. 31. Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of Britain's Labour Opposition, said here today that if the West could prevent a third world war, time was on her side, for "fundamentally Russian Communism is a creed that runs counter to human nature."

The 69-year-old former British Prime Minister was speaking at a dinner of the Philadelphia Friendship Commission during his one-day flying visit to the United States.

"I do not think that if we can avoid war the Iron Curtain will remain impermeable," he said. "Ideas are hard to control. Like seeds dropped by birds of air, they overpass frontiers."

Mr. Attlee said the next few years might well decide whether the peoples of middle Europe were "absorbed in the Russian Communist empire."

In Western Europe there was a considerable movement for greater unity and a greater sense of solidarity, prompted perhaps by a common danger, he continued.

But he did not think the process of integration should be hurried, and stated flatly: "I do not believe that Britain can federate with Continental Europe."

Mr. Attlee said Europe today was the chief battleground between freedom and totalitarianism.

"On one side you have peoples who are inheritors of a great civilisation, a civilisation that derives from Greece, Rome and Palestine," he said. "On the other side you have peoples who, willingly or unwillingly, are under the domination of a new creed, a creed held fanatically by its adherents."

NEXT FEW YEARS

Between Russia and Western Europe were Poles, Germans, Czechs, Rumanians, Hungarians and Bulgarians, Mr. Attlee continued.

The next few years may well decide whether these peoples are to lose all that they had of Westernism and be absorbed in the Russian Communist empire, or whether they will regain the freedom which they have lost.

In this contest the totalitarianism had one great advantage—they were aided by a single will, the will of those who controlled them from the Kremlin.

The Western countries were divided, and naturally so, for the strength of Democracy was in its diversity.

The question was: "Can Western Europe get sufficient cohesion to resist totalitarianism without sacrificing individuality and diversity, which its nations hold precious?"

Mr. Attlee said Americans were sometimes a little impatient with Europeans, as they had managed to blend peoples of many nations together into the American nation.

But if immigrants to America had settled down in solid national blocks, the United States would have been faced with the same problem as Europe.

"At the present time, we are seeking to get greater unity in Europe, but I think wisely, we realise that Europe is not enough," Mr. Attlee declared.

NEW COMMUNITY

"We are seeking to create an Atlantic community, because you on the other side of the Atlantic are inheritors of European tradition. We have a common heritage to defend."

"We are all greatly concerned today with building up sufficient armaments to deter any would-be aggressor."

But the essential thing was not mastery by force of arms but victory in the spiritual battle.

"It is my faith that if we can prevent another world war, time is on our side, for I think that fundamentally Russian Communism is a creed that runs counter to human nature," Mr. Attlee proceeded.

"The reason for the Iron Curtain imposed by Russia is not fear of our learning their secrets but fear that the people of Russia should learn what life is like in the free countries."

Turning to problems of European unity, Mr. Attlee said

the process of integration could not be hurried. "It may be that establishment of a number of functional organisations, such as that of iron and steel, OEEC and NATO, is a more fruitful line of approach."

PECULIAR POSITION

Britain was in a peculiar position, for although she belonged to Europe she was not wholly of it. She had her kinsfolk scattered all over the world and had close ties with non-European nations.

"I wonder if any of you realise that a British Minister has the advantage of continual communication with his fellow Ministers in the rest of the Commonwealth?" Mr. Attlee said. The British had the views not only of Ministers of European races but those of Asiatic races as well.

The Americans had a task of bringing together peoples of various religions, races and cultural backgrounds and making them Americans.

"In the Commonwealth we have had a different but complementary task in bringing together different peoples, living in lands widely separated, into the Commonwealth for their mutual advantage and better understanding,"—Reuter.

NIGERIAN SPEAKER

Philadelphia, Apr. 1. A Nigerian student sharing the platform with Mr. Clement Attlee at distinguished speakers from the United States and the Philippines last night deplored the "apparent connivance" of the Western world with the racial policy of Dr. Malan's Government in South Africa.

Mr. Kalu Ezura, representing the "Voice of African Youth" at a "Free World Dinner" here, said the world "should be shocked at the barbarous trampling on fundamental human rights."

The present policy of racial segregation in South Africa, he said, was conducive to the spread of Communism.

"Today it is Asia that captures the belated attention of the free world; tomorrow it may be Africa," he added.

The dinner was sponsored by the Fellowship Commission and Fellowship House, two private Philadelphia organisations devoted exclusively "to promote better understanding among all racial, religious and nationality groups in the city,"—Reuter.

Ammunition Depot Explodes

Cairo, Mar. 31. A blast and blaze ripped through an Egyptian army desert ammunition depot. No one was reported killed.

The Army and Navy Ministries said the explosion occurred in one of several covered ways for storing ammunition at Wadi Hoff, about 30 miles south of Cairo.

The newspaper Al Misri said initial estimates of the damage ran into millions of dollars.

The ammunition depot at Wadi Hoff is one of the largest in Egypt, comprising three large underground storage caves.

One Army report said the explosion might have resulted from a chemical reaction of fumes in the stored munitions.—Associated Press.



US Excited By Truman Decision

Kefauver's Stock Goes Up

Washington, Mar. 31. The United States bubbled excitedly today as the result of President Truman's decision not to seek reelection with the consequent effects on both the Democratic and Republican parties increasing public interest and speculation.

Mr. Truman's retirement from the race has completely transferred the significance of the presidential primary elections taking place in Nebraska and Wisconsin tomorrow.

The television famous crime investigator, Senator Kefauver, who has been opposed by local Democratic groups favouring the nomination of Mr. Truman.

CLEAR-CUT

In Nebraska the struggle between Senator Kefauver and another rival Democratic candidate, the multi-millionaire testator, Senator Robert Kerr, of Oklahoma, becomes clear-cut. Senator Kerr had previously said that he would not seek the nomination if President Truman desired it for himself.

Senator Kerr is now a full candidate.

Victory for Senator Kefauver in these two key primary contests would provide considerable momentum to his drive for the nomination by demonstrating to the politicians his vote-getting ability.

But there is every indication that the Democratic Party leaders are turning to Governor Stevenson of Illinois as their favoured candidate. They are also known to be discussing the possibility of effecting a reconciliation between northern Liberal and southern Conservative Democrats by nominating for Vice-President with Mr. Stevenson a southern presidential candidate, Senator Richard Russell of Georgia. This would be a very hard combination for Senator Kefauver to defeat.—Reuter.

STASSEN V. TAFT

Milwaukee, Mar. 31. Mr. Harold Stassen said today that Senator Robert Taft was "losing ground rapidly" in tomorrow's Wisconsin primary race, but Senator Taft told newsmen he was "sure to win."

The hot Republican primary fight drew to a close with Mr. Stassen travelling in a helicopter to stump three towns—Meritt, Waunakee and Marshfield—which he had missed earlier in the campaign.

Before leaving here, Mr. Stassen told the press Senator Taft began losing strength in Wisconsin after he withdrew from the New Jersey presidential primary.—United Press.

Trouble In Trieste

Twelve people were injured in new clashes in Trieste between police and demonstrators demanding the return of the city to Italy. That brought the total of injured up to 160 (20 critical). Police used fire hoses from lorries to break up the demonstrations.—London Express.

BRITAIN'S TRIESTE POLICY

London, Mar. 31.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, will favour a definite move to give Italy more voice in the administration of Zone A in the Trieste Free Territory in talks which open in London on Thursday between America, Britain and Italy.

The most critical aspect of the talks will, it is thought here, concern the control of the local Police which at present comprises Italians, adhered by the British and subject to British control.

The British Military Governor of Trieste, General Sir John Winterbottom, who is due in London tomorrow, will discuss the position with Mr. Eden.

He will not attend the talks. Mr. Eden today received the American Ambassador, Mr. Walter Gifford, for a talk believed to concern Trieste. Tomorrow, the Yugoslav Ambassador, Josef Brille, who returned to London during the week-end, will call on the Foreign Secretary.

Mr. Eden is expected to tell him that the talks have no concern with the status of the Free Territory as a whole which Britain wants solved by Italian-Yugoslav talks.

Officials here emphasised that they will concern the local administration of Zone A only. A British Foreign Office official said that Yugoslav officials would be kept informed on the progress of the talks if Yugoslavia wished.—Reuter.

Batman Borrows Officer's Car

London, Mar. 31. A Scots Guardsman batman who took his officer's car without permission when the latter was on guard duty at St James Palace and had a collision causing £800 damage, appeared at Marlborough Street court today.

The Guardsman, John Rose, 31, was fined £10 driving away the car without authority, £2 without a licence and £2 without third party insurance.

He was also disqualified from driving for two years.

Major Robert Redman, owner of the car, said that Rose had not been his orderly for long but he was a good soldier while in Malaya.—Reuter.

Indo-China Rebels Severely Mauled

Saigon, Mar. 31. French Union forces battering Communist rebels trapped with their backs to the sea claimed to have knocked out more than 1,000 Red troops in fighting on Sunday.

An official French communique issued today said that five groups of mobile Franco-Vietnam troops swooped down on the encircled crack 320th rebel Division yesterday. It was concentrated south-east of Thai Binh, capital of Tonkin, 60 miles from Hanoi.

According to the communique 566 Vietminh troops were killed and 544 were taken prisoner. The Communist colonel commanding the 48th Regiment was killed during the fighting in the village of Bichdu, the communique announced.

The communique said that five rebel battalions of the 320th Division were encircled by mobile Franco-Vietnam troops between the Song Glinh River and the Song Trany River, but two of the Communist battalions managed to slip through the ring in heavy fog on the night of March 20. Mobile French troops launched a rapid encircling movement around the escaping Reds and attacked at dawn yesterday morning.

The French High Command said that the French Union attack was supported by French naval forces and strong fighter and bomber aircraft cover.

Riots In Gaol

Attempt To Flood Out Convicts

Trenton, New Jersey, Mar. 31. Firemen pumped water into a wing of Trenton State prison today to flood out a group of 25 hardened convicts who had barricaded themselves in the cell's block early yesterday.

The trouble arose over prisoners' complaints of poor food and medical treatment. It started shortly after 10 a.m. on Sunday with a full-scale riot. The convicts—segregated in the wing because they are trouble makers—broke windows, ripped out flooring and tore up mattresses.

Prison officials said the prisoners had an arsenal of lead pipe, clubs and bats. This morning Trenton firemen began pumping water through the broken windows of the punishment wing of the shivering convicts inside.

"We shall either flood them out or freeze them out," said a prison spokesman.

The prisoners have had no rest since yesterday. They have not eaten since Saturday night.

Tear-gas bombs were fired this morning, but they did little good because all the windows are out and the cell block is well ventilated.

Wardens persuaded about half of the 50 convicts in the segregation block to come out one by one yesterday after 11 hours of rioting. But the rest stayed inside and shouted defiance.—Reuter.

TRAIN HIT BY LANDSLIDE

Lisbon, Mar. 31. Four persons were killed and 40 injured today when heavy rainstorms sent a landslide of earth and rock down on a suburban train near here.

Two men and two women died when a giant boulder crashed through the flimsy woodwork of the fourth car of the five-car train.

Tons of red mud streamed down, burying the dead and injured for more than three hours.

Eleven persons were in a serious condition and it is feared that some of them would die.—United Press.

APPEAL AGAINST DEATH SENTENCE

London, Mar. 31. Ajit Singh, a 37-year-old Sikh who on March 20 was sentenced to death at the Glasgow Assizes for the murder of a young widow, Mrs. Joan Marion Thomas, of Bridgend (South Wales), has lodged an appeal against the sentence.

At his trial the jury made a strong recommendation for mercy when he had been found guilty.—Reuter.

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**Churchill
"Israel's
Friend"**

Tel-Aviv, Mar. 31.—The Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr Moshe Sharett, told reporters here today that his talks in London had opened the way for British financial aid to his country and that Israel would continue to buy military equipment in Britain.

Returning from a one-month visit to London and Rome, Mr Sharett said: "Mr Winston Churchill told me he has always been a Zionist and remains Israel's friend."

Asked whether he had discussed the exploitation of Israeli oil in London, Mr Sharett replied: "We discussed the Haifa refineries and the possibility of raising their production to capacity, as well as the passage of Haifa-bound tankers via the Suez."

Mr Sharett said that his talks with the Italian Premier, Signor Alcide de Gasperi, in Rome might pave the way to a pact between the two countries and to agreements on trade, aviation, shipping, credits and investments.

The question of the proposed Middle East Command was raised when Signor de Gasperi inquired about Israel's attitude regarding the plans, he said.

He denied that the possibility of Italian mediation in the Israeli-Arab conflict had been discussed in Rome. "I tried to impress upon Italian statesmen that friendship with Israel does not exclude the possibility of friendship with the Arab countries," he declared.

Mr Sharett said that in his audience with the Pope he had discussed the conditions of Christian communities in Israel.

—Reuter.

ZIONISTS' CALL

London, Mar. 31.—The 51st annual conference of the Zionist Federation of Britain and Ireland today called on the British Government to help bring about a peace settlement between Israel and the Arab States by direct negotiation.

In another resolution the Zionists declared, "No realistic settlement of the Middle Eastern problems is possible without taking into full account the special position of Israel as the most progressive and advanced State in the region."

The conference expressed sympathy for Arab refugees and welcomed any constructive aid for their re-settlement in Arab States, but it deprecated any attempt to use the refugees for the political purposes of reactionary Arab leaders who dream of a second round against Israel.

—Reuter.

**Pay Increase
For U.S.
Servicemen**

Washington, Mar. 31.—The Senate today approved an average five per cent increase in pay and living allowances for members of the armed forces after taking on a \$45 monthly bonus for servicemen on combat duty in Korea.

The measure was approved by a voice vote. It now goes to the joint Senate-House conference committee to thrash out the differences of the House-approved bill which would provide a 10 per cent increase in military pay scales. The bonus plan, passed by a standing vote, would apply to all officers and enlisted men who have served under fire since June 30, 1950, regardless whether they are still in uniform. The bonus would be retroactive to the start of the Korean fighting.—United Press.

Panikkar's New Job?

Calcutta, Mar. 31.—"Advance," Calcutta's evening newspaper, reported today that Mr K. M. Panikkar, Indian Ambassador to China, is likely to succeed Saravali Radhakrishnan, Indian Ambassador to Moscow, who has been nominated by the Congress for Vice-President of the Indian Union.—United Press.

Himalayan Climbers In London**Wartime Traitors
Face Firing
Squad In Paris**

Paris, Mar. 31.

For four years the grey, flat stone-fronted building in the Rue Lauriston, just off the once gay Champs Elysees, was a house of horror. It was the headquarters of the most brutal of the German Gestapo inquisitors.

Betrayed men and women of the French Resistance went in there upright and silent and were taken away battered and broken to die in concentration camps.

They came to pass through the torture chambers of their Gestapo questioners and left as hundreds of shattered wrecks between 1940 and 1944.

**Attack On
Protestant
Church**

London, Mar. 31.

Spain has told Britain that she regrets the recent attack made by youths on a Protestant church at Seville and has promised that the matter would be dealt with according to law.

The Minister of State, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, saying this in the House of Commons today, added that two persons believed to have taken part in the attack were arrested but no restitution had been offered by Spain for the damage done.

Britain had made representations to Spain at the time and the Spanish Government had agreed that the incident was regrettable.

Professor Sir Douglas Savory (Conservative) said that hymn and prayer books were placed on the Holy Table, covered with inflammable liquid and set alight, and that, according to an eye-witness report, an attempt was made to burn the clergyman, with shouts of "The Protestants are now finished."

Mr Eric Fletcher (Labour), asked, "How can the Franco Government expect to be treated like a civilized government when incidents like this occur?" Mr Lloyd replied that there was "not one scrap of evidence" to show that the Spanish Government was in any sense implicated. It was an act committed by a certain number of irresponsible people.—Reuter.

**Battle Against
Plant Scourge**

Nicosia, Mar. 31.

Agricultural experts from six Mediterranean and Middle East countries today ended their five-day conference on cereal rust after drawing up a programme to combat the disease—one of the worst plant scourges in the Middle East.

The Director of the Italian Plant Pathology Institute in Rome, Professor Sibilla, closing the conference, said: "I am confident this meeting will establish fruitful international co-operation in the battle against cereal rust."—Reuter.

**Asia Socialists
To Confer**

Rangoon, Mar. 31.

Socialists from nine Asian countries will hold a conference here in late October.

Burmese, Indian, Indonesian and Japanese Socialists, who have been meeting here for the past week as a preparatory committee, have invited Socialists from Iraq, Israel, the Lebanon, Pakistan and Syria to take part.

Egypt will be invited to send observers to the conference, and European Socialists will be invited as guests.—Reuter.

Maurice Herzog (left), leader of the French Himalayan expedition, and Francois de Noyelle, a member of the party, shown in London where they will make a commentary for a colour film of the Expedition. M. Herzog lost all his fingers and toes through frostbite when the party climbed 28,292-ft high Mt Annapurna.—Express Service.

**AMERICAN
OUTPUT
OF HELIUM**

Washington, Mar. 31.—The Secretary of the Interior, Oscar Chapman, has announced that U.S. Government plants produced their 1,000,000,000th cubic foot of helium during January.

The Government began its production in 1921.

The United States is the only country known to produce helium in large quantities. The Department's Bureau of Mines is the only producer in this country, and perhaps in the world.

The Bureau now operates three helium plants, one near Amarillo, Texas, another at Exell, Texas, and one at Oil, Kansas. It also maintains a stand-by plant at Shiprock, New Mexico.

Before World War I, helium had been produced on a laboratory scale at a rate of \$2,500 a cubic foot. Today's price is about 1½ cents a cubic foot.

About 30 per cent of current production is used by private industry. The gas will not burn or explode and is the second lightest substance known to man.

Helium's first major use was to replace hydrogen in balloons and dirigibles. Most of the gas purchased by private industry now is used in shielded-arc welding.—Associated Press.

**Shows For Canal
Zone Troops**

Leicester, Mar. 31.

Dusy packing today for her departure tomorrow for the Canal Zone with the Frankie Howard show, was Marcia Owen, 28, of Leicester.

The tour will last six weeks and Marcia will make six broadcasts with Service audiences. Her three-year-old daughter Beverly will stay in England until she returns.—Reuter.

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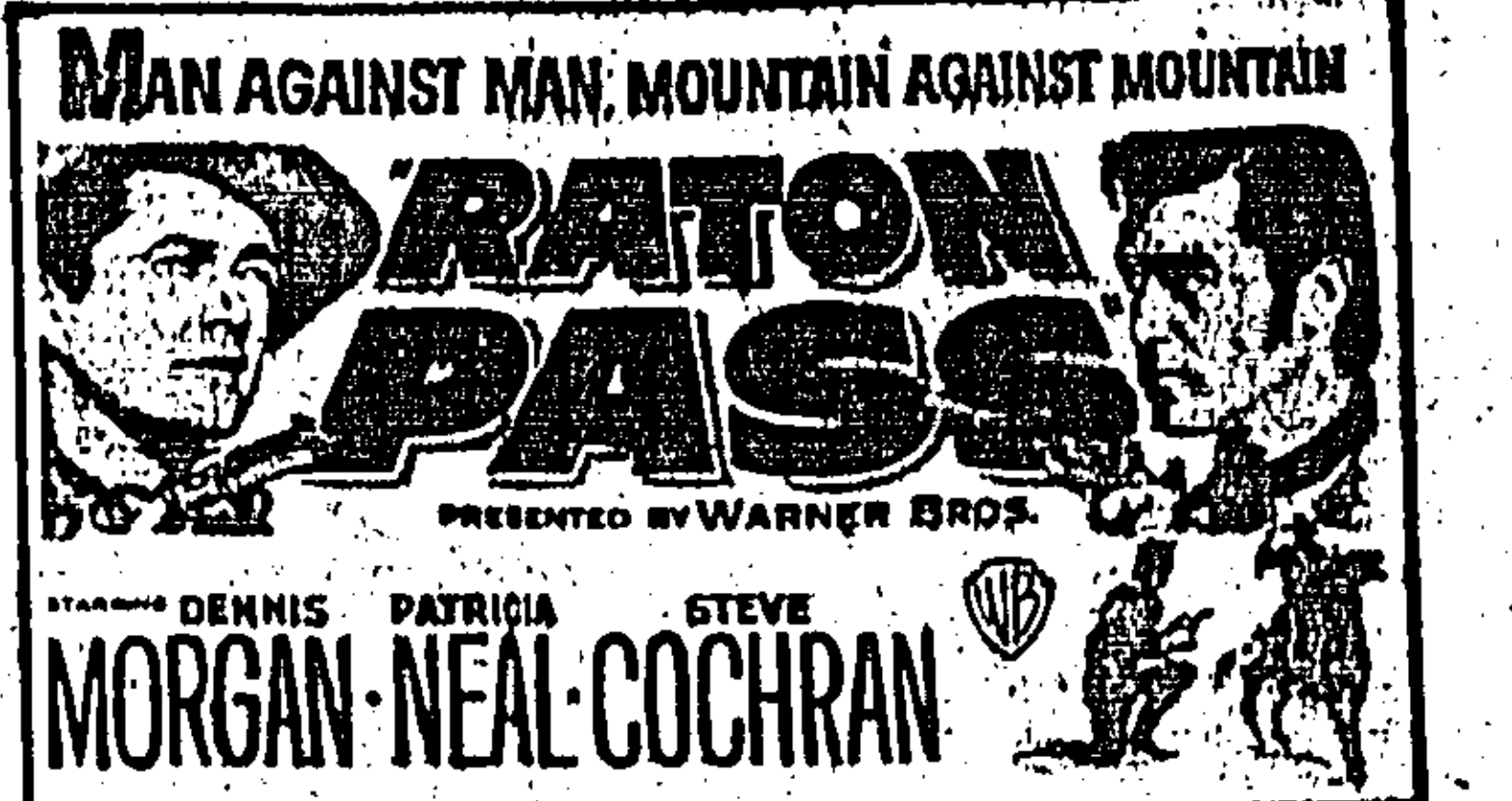
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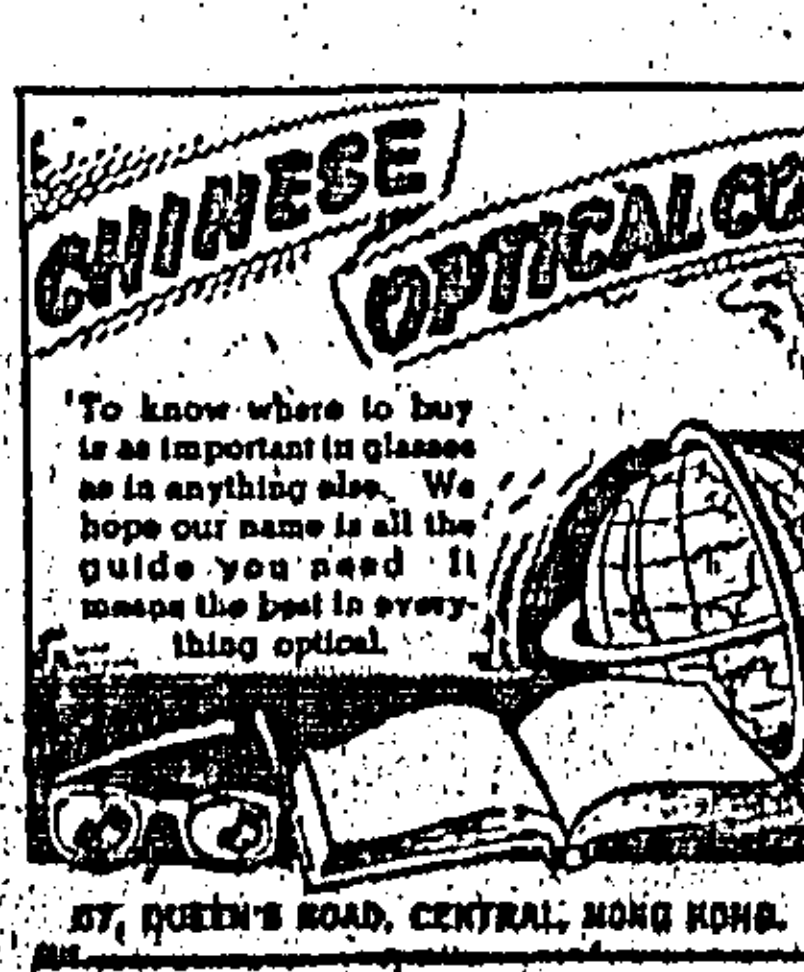
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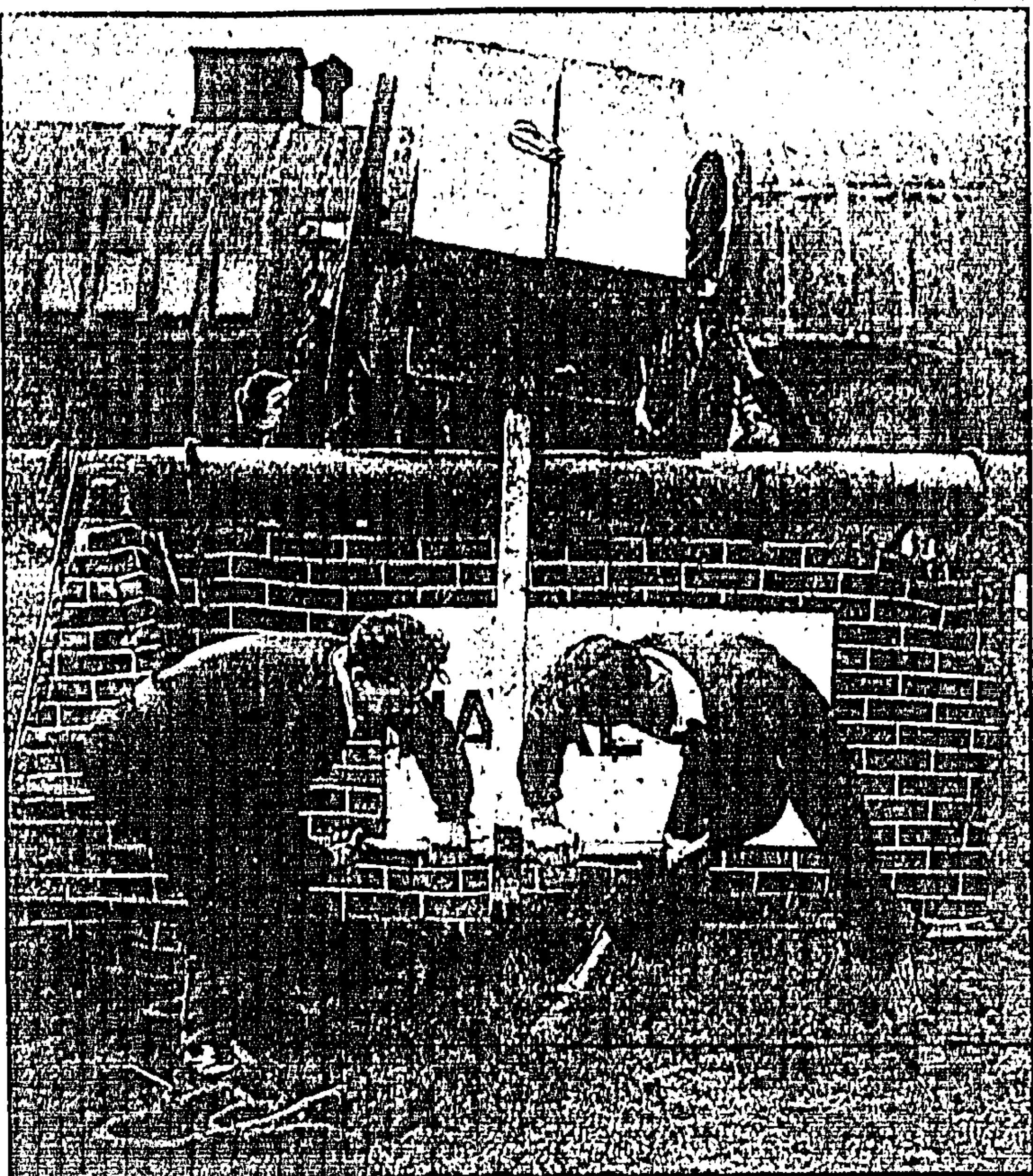
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Practice For
Tournament

A gun crew at the Royal Naval Air Station at Lee-on-Solent shown practising for the Royal Tournament at Epsom Court in June. They are taking the limber over an obstacle in preparation for the competition in which they will compete with teams from other naval stations.

Washington Controversy Over Future Course Of Korea War

Washington, Mar. 31. A first-class controversy is raging behind the scenes among America's top military planners over what may happen if large-scale ground fighting is resumed in Korea.

Defence Secretary Robert Lovett put the Administration's viewpoint in his semi-annual report to President Truman.

In this, he said that the United Nations have not wasted the last six months of dragging armistice negotiations, but have "established a very strong defensive position across the central part of Korea."

Drive On Chinese Troops In Burma

Washington, Mar. 31. A spokesman of the State Department said today that Burma's decision to try to expel Chinese Nationalist forces in Burma did not indicate that the Burmese Government was changing its neutral policy in international affairs and that it was siding with the Chinese Communists.

Earlier, the spokesman had said that Burma had every right to take military action against the Chinese Nationalist guerrilla troops within the borders of Burma.

Observers point out that the State Department does not want to take sides in the Burmese-Nationalist feud. Its policy was to steer clear of the dispute although the United States recognized the Nationalist Government on Formosa.

Russia and Red China had been charging the United States with supplying arms and equipment to the Nationalist hold-outs in Burma, the observers pointed out. The chief Red claim was that the troops were waiting for an American signal to attack China.

The United States had denied that it harboured any interest in the Chinese Nationalist forces.

All indications were that the United States would be happy to see the Nationalist troops transferred to Formosa.

The authorities said, however, that no nationalistic moves were under way to solve the feud peacefully. The Nationalist Government had no firm control over the troops involved, they added.

—United Press.

Greek MPs Walk Out

Athens, Mar. 31. Greece's eight United Democratic Left deputies walked out of Parliament tonight when they were refused a debate on the execution yesterday of four Greeks condemned as Communist spies.

Earlier today M. George Kartalis, EPEK (Progressive) Minister of Economic Co-operation in the Coalition Government, resigned in protest against the executions.

Other Progressive deputies called for a meeting of the party's Parliamentary group to discuss the issue on the ground that Cabinet Ministers had assured them that the executions would not take place.

The Greek Government has claimed to have evidence that the eight United Democratic Left Party deputies are controlled by the outlawed Communist Party. —Reuter.

Shake-Up In Indo-China?

Paris, Mar. 31. M. Jean Le Courneur, France's Minister of Associated States, may be appointed Civil and Military Chief in Indo-China, under a decision discussed here today, sources close to the Government said.

An inter-Ministerial committee met under the chairmanship of the President of the Republic, M. Vincent Auriol, to discuss a reorganization of the French civil and military authorities in Indo-China.

No communiqué was issued but the sources said that under the new arrangement M. Le Courneur would have some title as "President Minister" with headquarters in Saigon.

The French Commander-in-Chief in Indo-China, General Raoul Salan, would remain in his post and M. Le Courneur would have a deputy in Paris. Any decision taken today must be ratified by the Cabinet, Reuter.

SAVED FROM THE SCRAP-HEAP

London, Mar. 31. An original 1929 Baird television set has been bought by a Kingston radio shop manager, Mr. W. Kimbor, for 50 shillings.

The set, which is in mechanical working order, was due to be broken up as scrap before Mr. Kimbor secured it. —Reuter.

Unique Maid Of All Work

Amsterdam, Mar. 31. For less than £25 a Dutch firm is selling an electric "maid of all work."

This robot household marvel vacuum polishes the furniture and the floor, peels the vegetables, shakes cocktails, grinds coffee, whips cream, dries your hair, sprays D.D.T. and can be used as an electric fan. —London Express Service.

CRUCIAL TEST FOR PINAY

Debate In Assembly

Paris, Mar. 31. The French National Assembly starts its debate tomorrow on the Government's financial and economic programme, a crucial test for the Cabinet headed by M. Antoine Pinay.

Although the discussion will probably be comparatively quiet, the Government will face critics on three main points—the fiscal amnesty, authorization to issue certain decrees in economic matters and reconstruction expenses.

The Government's tactics will be decided by the Ministers meeting in Council tomorrow morning. After yesterday's oratory, political observers are inclined to believe that M. Pinay will face tough opposition.

The main factor will be the attitude of the De Gaulle group.

Speaking in Nice yesterday, General Charles de Gaulle expressed the opinion that M. Pinay "wants to straighten the course of the ship," adding that his group would not prevent him doing what he believes will bring about an improvement of the situation.

However, he immediately remarked, "He will not be the man who will place France in her right place."

Political commentators in the Paris evening Press, notably Georges Garreau in *Paris-Press* and Jacques Fauvet in *Le Monde*, believe that M. Pinay will find in the de Gaulle ranks enough support to counter-balance the hostile votes of the Socialists and possibly a large section of the MRP (Christian Democrats). —France-Press.

STRIKE DATE POSTPONED

Washington, Mar. 31. A strike of 31,000 Western Union Telegraph Company employees, due to start at midnight, was postponed today at the Government's request.

The Government wants more time to seek a settlement.

The postponement was announced by the Federal Mediation Commissioner, Mr. J. Mandelbrum, who said that the Commercial Telegraphers' Union would probably set a new strike date later in the day.

The delay was arranged to give the Government more time to seek a settlement. Mr. Mandelbrum said. —Reuter.

Warsaw Rejection Of US Request

London, Mar. 31. The Polish Government has told the American Embassy that it does not intend to concern itself any more with the Katyn massacre of some 15,000 Polish officers during the war, Warsaw Radio said today.

Quoting a despatch of the Polish news agency, Warsaw Radio said a note on the issue was given to the American Embassy in Warsaw.

The Foreign Ministry of the Polish Communist Government said in the note that Mr. Ray Madden, chairman of the House of Representatives Committee investigating the massacre, had taken to himself the right to send invitations to sovereign governments.

The Committee invited the Russian and Polish Governments to submit evidence on the massacre.

"This has no precedent in the history of international relations," the Polish note was quoted as saying.

The attitude of the Polish Government on the activities of the House Committee had been set forth in the Government declaration of March 1, the note added.

SECRET POLICE SPY ON FARMERS IN RUMANIA

Belgrade, Mar. 31. A special corps of secret police 10,000 strong, is to be set up in Communist-controlled Rumania to spy on farmers withholding crops which they refuse to sell at Government-controlled prices.

Terms of imprisonment up to 20 years' banishment to forced labour camps and the death penalty for serious offences are to be imposed on the unwilling farmers.

According to Rumanian refugees who have broken through the Iron Curtain, this plain-clothed secret police force, known in Rumania as "the terror squad," is already operating in Bukovina Province in northern Rumania.

Reasons for these drastic measures against the farmers is that they are held responsible for the failure of the Rumanian monetary reform instituted by former Finance Minister Vasile Luca.

For, despite the currency reform, farmers are still refusing to unload their hidden stores of grain and crops.

There has been one important result, however. Finance Minister Luca has been sacked in disgrace.

Principal cause is said to be Russian exploitation of Rumanian oil and other natural resources.

According to the same sources of information, under the monetary reform arranged by Vasile Luca two different rates of exchange were enforced depending upon whether the money was deposited in a State bank or hidden away.

"Favourable" rates were given to those with bank accounts, but farmers who kept their savings at home got only nominal rates.

—Reuter.

Russia Cutting Food Prices

London, Mar. 31. Moscow Radio tonight said that the Soviet Government and the Communist Party had decided to cut retail food prices by from 10 to 20 per cent.

The Radio said that the decision, effective tomorrow, April 1, had been taken by the Council of Ministers of the USSR and the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the USSR in view of the success achieved in 1951. —Reuter.

EXPLOITATION

His 14-roomed mansion at Ploesti, 50 miles from Bucharest, is closed and guarded. It is believed that Luca is imprisoned in Bucharest.

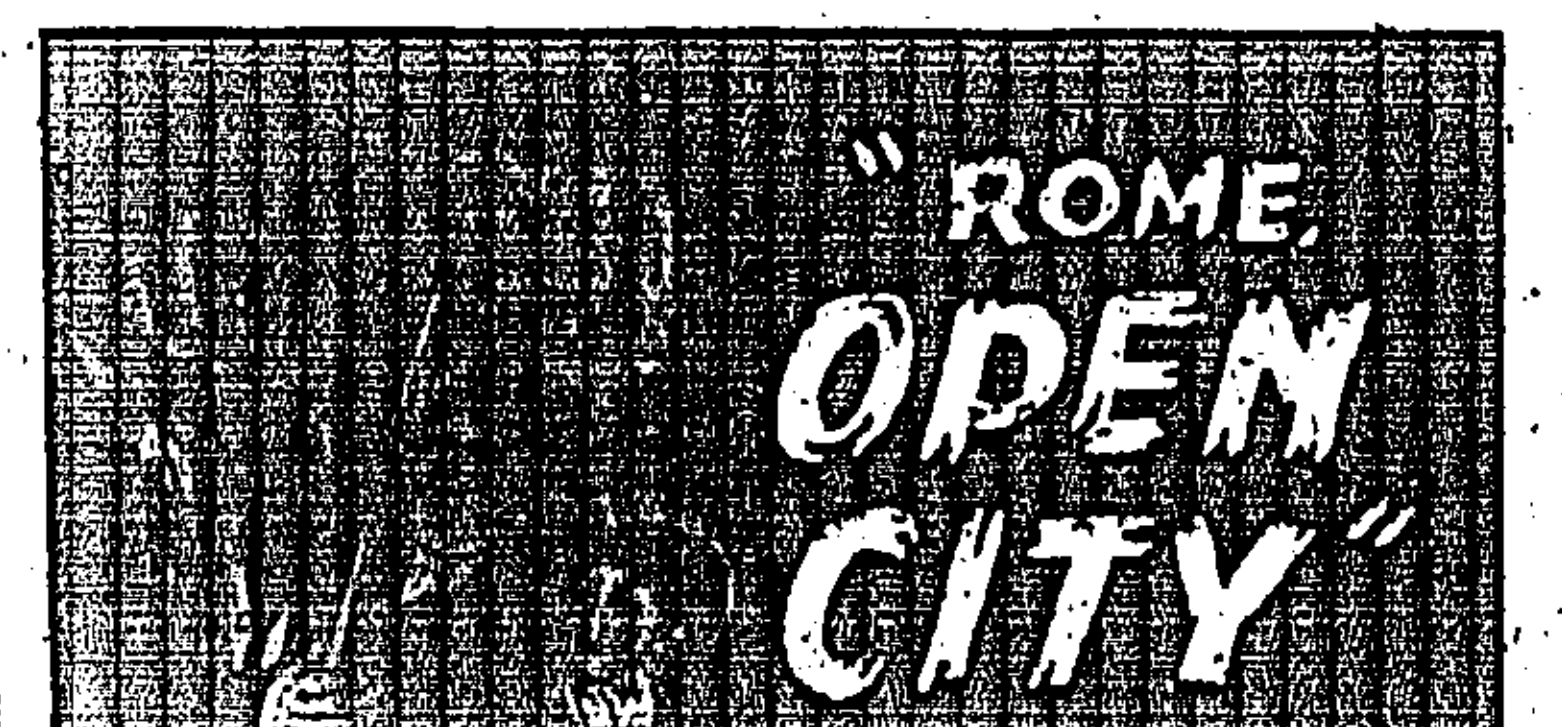
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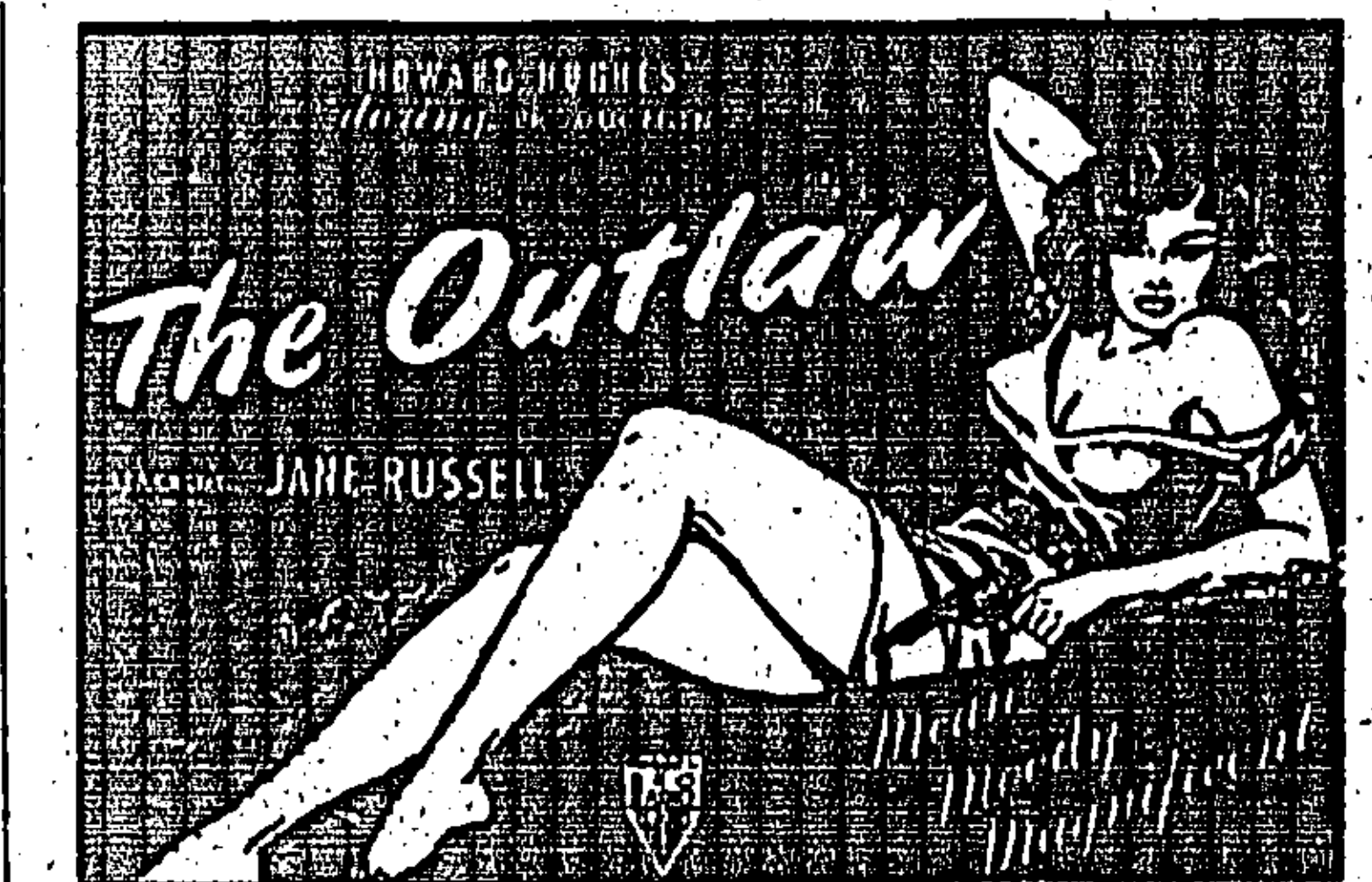
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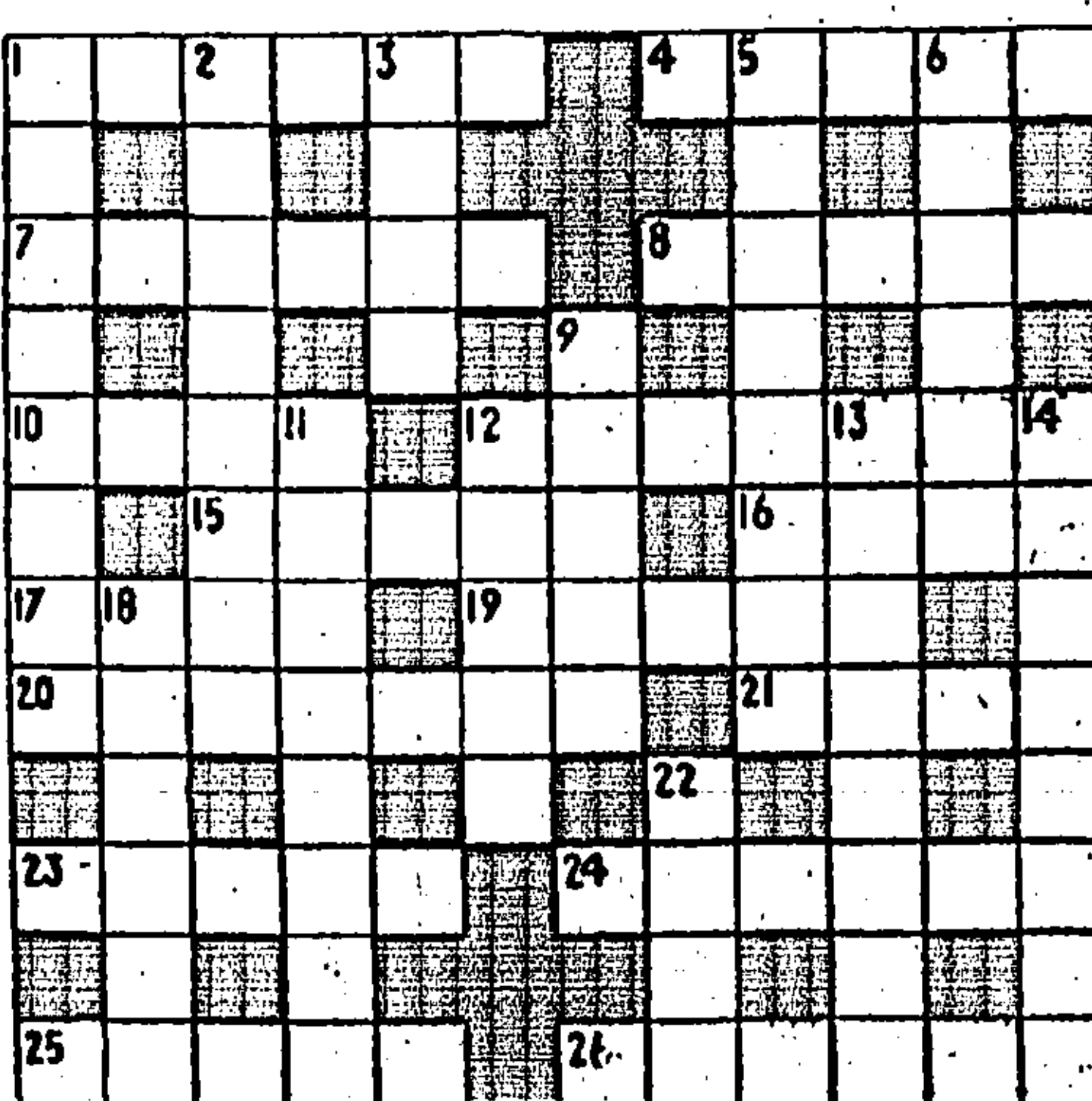
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 - 17 Melody (4)
 - 19 Measure of distance (5)
 - 20 Built (7)
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 - 25 Not fresh (5)
 - 26 Engaged in commerce (6)
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 - 3 Voice (4)
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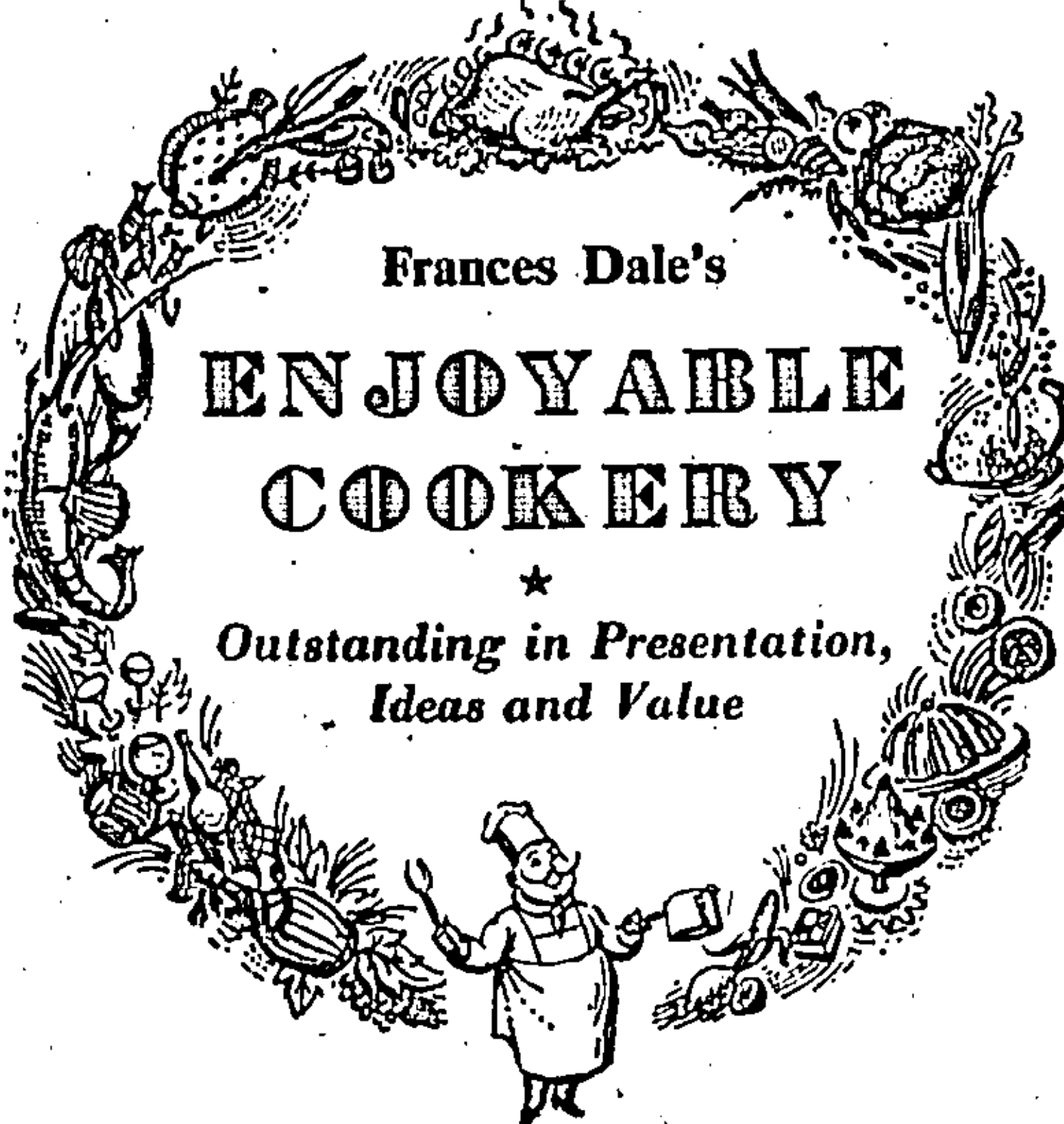
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MY ATTITUDE TO MONEY

by Jack Hylton

Number Two in a series (Lesley Storm was first) by successful people who have known what it means to be hard up.



DAD was a Lancashireman. He worked as a twister in a cotton mill. Later he kept a pub. In all his life I never knew him to worry about money, not even when he had it.

He wanted money, of course. Like most Lancashiremen, he wanted to look after himself. But he was sure that he could. So he did not worry.

He could afford little schooling for me. But to make certain that I in my turn could stand on my feet, he sat by me for hours on end in the singing-room of his pub, making me practise the piano until I was good enough to accompany him on Saturday nights.

Dad was also a Socialist, inspired by Robert Blatchford. (It was in the Clarion music classes that I learned the elements of music.) Like Blatchford, he wanted to help other people to stand on their own feet without climbing on someone else's back.

For him, as for Blatchford, his political faith was not a joyless doctrine. It was warmed by the fun of living.

ROBERT BLATCHFORD, brought up in poverty, became founder of Socialist paper the Clarion, and died, aged 52, in 1933. His "Merrie England" was a handbook of Socialism for many years. Blatchford's militant patriotism led to his imprisonment from the movement. His warnings about the German menace were too much for pacifist colleagues. They never forgave him for being right.

My Dad took after Blatchford, and I take after my Dad.

I've made more money than my Dad did. I've also lost more. The money I've got now is all invested in various shows and copyrights and a run of failures could put me on my back. But I don't worry. I know I could get up again.

I didn't worry when my voice broke and so stopped my Lancashire music-hall career as the Singing Mill Boy complete with clogs, dinner-can, and red-handkerchiefed basin.

Not a penny

I BEGAN a new career as accompanist to singers in public houses and on the sands at Rhyll. I even got a job—at 35s. a week—as touring pianist. I never conducted before and was only 17. "It must have been your father I engaged," said the producer when the first saw me.

When a Rhyll concert party went bankrupt I did not worry. I took on the management and was still not worrying when after paying all debts I had not a penny left for a cup of tea on the train going back to London.

Perhaps I was worrying a little round about 1914 when another concert party I was running only just cleared expenses. But Gailie Potter lent me £3 on the train home and that saw me through to my next job.

After the first world war I was back in concert party.

I did a double act with Tommy Handley. We flopped.

I played the piano in a night club. I plugged songs on the sands at Blackpool; and I made the most of a piece of luck.

I happened to hear the first Paul Whiteman record brought to Britain. I realised that the music which Whiteman played was properly orchestrated instead of being the usual haphazard improvisations. I started to orchestrate music for an English band.

The records of this band were an immediate success. But when I asked the members of the band to pay me 10s. each out of the fees they received as payment for my orchestration they voted unanimously and democratically—to kick-me out. But the recording companies voted unanimously and financially to keep me in, which was the beginning of Jack Hylton's orchestra.

My concert-party days taught me to keep moving. I moved from concert party to band-leading. Then at the beginning of the second world war I went into theatre management at His Majesty's. Maybe in time I shall move into something else.

But I'm not worrying about it. I put on shows I like.

People sometime say to me, do I not feel just before the curtain goes up, "Well, there's big money at stake"—and do I not get cold feet?

The answer is that it never occurred to me. There are a many problems see-ling through

my mind at that time that the money element really does not enter into it. It is only later when the show is either a success or a flop that this consideration comes in.

If it is a success then it does not matter so much, but if it is a flop I have very quickly to consider: Do I take it off, do I continue and give it a chance to make something—or what do I do? More often than not I start planning for another show straight away, which may or may not be successful.

I'm sorry when some of them fail. I lost money over the London Philharmonic Orchestra but I was pleased when an Oldham man, after saying "Let's go to Palace and listen to this record Jack says is good" came from the concert saying, "Ah! a waddy 'ighbrow and didn't know it."

Work and fun

WHEN you get to the top you find jealousy. Your critics are quite glad to knock you off your stool. I must say I miss the friendliness and help I got when I was on the way up.

But I'll go on putting on shows and making money. I hope, to put on more shows. They'll please a lot of people if they don't always please the critics—or my accountants.—the only people who really try to make me worry.

And I'll go on being myself. Some of you say: "Get away with you! You can't be a Socialist. You drink champagne and own a couple of racetracks, as if no Socialist can be allowed by his conscience to drink anything more fancy than port-type wine or own anything more dashing than a whipper."

I believe in working hard, in having fun and helping others to do the same. But then I take after Dad, and Dad took after Robert Blatchford.

TOMORROW: PAY-OFF TO THE SERIES
By GILES

PARIS NEWSLETTER from SAM WHITE

CHEVALIER moves in to Ike's village

Paris. newspaper proprietor Col. McCormick gave me a piece of his mind in his Paris hotel suite. On the Roosevelt: Personally I prefer the Persians. At least Eva is prettier than Eleanor. On the British Empire: India and South Africa were the last two countries left to burgle. Now the British have lost them, both they have nothing left. On President Truman: A slightly smaller vessel than Roosevelt. On General MacArthur: Has every quality but youth. He would be my choice for President. On Mr Churchill: My lifelong comrad, but not as good an orator as MacArthur.

Eisenhower must make up his mind in the next 14 days.

A continuous stream of Eisenhower supporters flows into Paris by air to try to persuade him to go home. These visitors give Press conferences at the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Powers in Europe. SHAPE begins to look like a political headquarters.

IN AND OUT

SO it seems that Eisenhower will be leaving Marne-la-Coquette, the Paris suburban village where he and his wife have made their home. And into the village is coming Maurice Chevalier.

For Chevalier has decided to sell his Paris flat in the fashionable Avenue Foch and his villa in Cannes and settle down in Marne-la-Coquette. There he has bought a house built by Sir Richard Wallace in the late 19th century. The house will be painted and decorated in blue; the roof is to be converted into a roof garden.

Chevalier intends to install an open-air theatre in the house grounds. The villa will be named after his mother. There will be a bust of her at the entrance.

McCORMICKISMS

WHILE waiting for his London tailor to arrive here Anglophobe United States

PLAYWRIGHT Jean Anouilh has written a play called "Tonight Macbeth," in which police clear up a murder during an actual performance of Shakespeare's play. Last line of the play spoken by a police inspector, "Not bad at all. Ought to keep in mind the name of the author. Clap called Shakespeare."

General "De Gaulle": If the country does not follow my advice, no human force, not even my own, will be able to put things right.

Playwright Marcel Pagnol: You only find a woman is made of dynamite when you let her drop.

Former Finance Minister Robert Buron, on being summoned for bicycle speeding: Don't be hard on me. I am just an unemployed Government worker.

Car thief Emile Sereas: Financially there was nothing in it. Like in other businesses these days there are too many middle men.

Backers of President Truman, Mr Taft or General Eisenhower all tell you they would trade any of their candidates any day for Mr Churchill.

The British visitor, arriving in America from a country of restriction and rationing, finds himself entering a boom city at boom time. TV sets are selling by the million. All talk is order: the deep freeze; get that 1952 car; get it all now.

But here and there you find some big men in big business wearing frowns. Government demand may have priced every consumer pump, but prices are rising and too many retail stores' sales figures are below 1950 levels. These men declare they see storm clouds of "recession" gathering on the far horizon.

Let people who still cling to the idea that Britain can over close the dollar gap by trebling our manufactured exports to U.S.A. remember this fact. Last time, a three percent recession brought about a 37 percent increase in United States protective tariffs against foreign imports. History will repeat itself under like conditions. (World Copyright Reserved—London Express Service.)

BRITAIN'S ODDEST 'TRADE UNION'

The Stately Homes of England (Inc.)

London. FORTY leaders of our most distinguished families have banded together to create what surely must be one of the oddest "trade unions" in the world. To help each other solve problems that may arise this summer when the portals of their stately homes are flung wide open, they have formed a "combine"—the Historic Homes of Britain Committee.

Industrialist, race-horse owner Sir Harold Wernher—26,000 people paid 2s. 6d. a time to visit his home, Luton Hoo, Beds, last year—is its leader.

From his Mayfair office, invitations went out to 97

of the big names in Society—the Earl of Harewood (Harewood House, Leeds) got one; the Duke of Northumberland (Alnwick Castle) another; and yet another went to Lord De L'Isle and Dudley at his picturesque residence, Penshurst Place, Tonbridge, Kent.

'Not For Gain'

THE Earl of Leicester declined with thanks; the Duke of Devonshire wanted no part of it; Lord Salisbury thought it "not quite the thing"; and the Earl of Onslow pooh-poohed the idea.

"We are not doing this for gain," Sir Harold wrote, in effect. "Our aim is to stimulate the flow of paying visitors to your beautiful home so that it may be prevented from falling into decay and be preserved for posterity."

His plan was bold. He wanted each peer to contribute a "small" sum to pay for publicity on the cinema screen, on cross-channel steamers and transatlantic liners, and among caterers and bus companies, to attract more sightseers—and more money.

He suggested a close tie-up with the Government-sponsored Travel Association (thus enhancing their case for some tax relief) and a possible standardisation of admission charges (some have been asking 2s., others 3s.).

Move With Times

SO, in a London hotel, a few weeks ago, enough noblemen—and women—to fill 30 pages of Debrett sat down to lay the foundation of Stately Homes, Inc.

Historic Homes of Britain (an organisation with no official status and no money) was formed. The Earl of Warwick (The Castle, Warwick) was appointed vice-chairman to Sir Harold, and on the Advisory Committee are the Duke of Marlborough (Blenheim Palace), Lady Pembroke (Wilton House, Salisbury) and the Duke of Richmond (Goodwood, Chichester).

Chosen as secretary was a brilliant young public relations

executive, 26-year-old Lord Montagu, who is opening his stately home, Palace House, Bexley, Kent, to the public on April 8.

Says he: "We must move with the times—or perish."

What of the lords and ladies who can see the sense in it?

Says Lady Penbroke: "What are we doing? We have sent 2,000 leaflets to the bus companies telling people how to get here and what they will find."

Every NAACP campaign on Salisbury Plain is plastered with posters informing the troops that they can view her magnificent house and gardens, the pictures and art treasures, for 2s. 6d., and park their cars inside the gate for 1s. (outside it is free).

"I did not want to pour cold water on this business," says the Duke of Marlborough at his 15,000-acre, £2,000,000 estate, "but the original plan seemed too ambitious."

"It seemed to me to be purely beneficial to those who have been less successful than I have" (more than 140,000 people visited his home last year).

"What is the point in spending lots of money on advertising my home when its outstanding attractions have already been publicised?"

Much To Learn

NEVERTHELESS, the Duke is a leading light of the new committee.

One of the first moves this new aristocratic association make is to send a representative to France, where the Demeure Historique, a body which cares for ancestral homes, has been operating successfully for 20 years.

"We have much to learn from them," says Colonel C. Jarvis, of Doddington Hall, Lincs, "where the man with the smaller house is concerned. He must not be left out in the cold."

And this view is shared by Sir Richard Proby, President of the Central Landowners' Association, of Elton Hall, Peterborough, Northants, and the Marquess of Bath, of Longleat, Wills (last year's takings—£10,000).

Victor Sims

THESE AMAZING AMERICANS

How little they know about us!

SEARCH Britain for a place where political questions at a public meeting put from the audience are always prefaced with a polite "Sir." Search here for campaign organisers who implore speakers not to be too brief, since with anything under fifty minutes the audience will feel they have been done out of their rights.

These and a dozen other contrasts to the British way of presentation are what the guest lecturer, speaker, radio and TV performer meets when he goes to work in the United States.

It is hard to sort out what impression comes out on top after a four weeks tour covering the Atlantic seaboard Alabama, California, the Middle West and back to New York and including 24 speeches and 20 plus radio and TV shows. On the whole I put enthusiasm as number one.

The United States is one great nation of enthusiastic salesmen. Meet a new man in a new city and in five minutes he is selling as the best-ever his town, his mayor, his business, his club, his baseball team. In 10 minutes you know his family, their ages and occupations, and you are genuinely invited to his home.

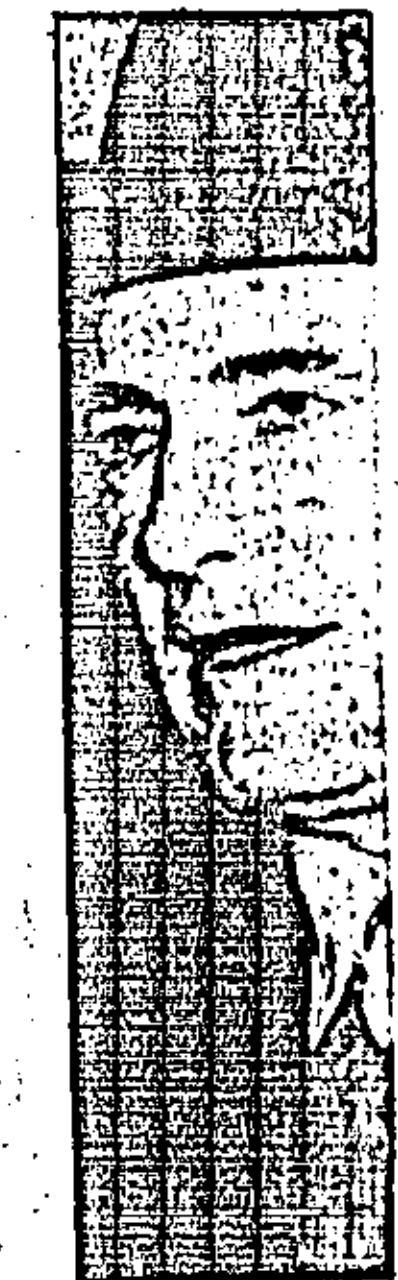
He really has something to get across to you, his national pride in the United States, his civic pride in his city, his personal pride in his niche.

My second impression is the high level of intelligence on questions concerning U.S. overseas commitments and the low standard of knowledge on British Commonwealth and Colonial affairs.

Most popular Briton in America is Mr Churchill.

Anglo-American relations were summed up by a New York taxman who said to me: "I sure like the British, but I wish they had not got marbles in their mouths when they got talking."

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by LORD BALFOUR OF INCHRYE
who has just returned from a lecture tour in the U.S.

MacBailey's Friend Gives No Sealed-lips Promises



Pictured above: Peter Wilson and McDonald Bailey.

By PETER WILSON

Colony Snooker Final To Take Place Thursday

The final of the Colony snooker championship between the winners of A. P. Pereira v Y. C. Hui and Lau Hung-chu v S. P. Pong will be played at the Club Lusitano in two sessions on Thursday at 6 and 9 p.m.

The Colony billiards championship between the winners of S. P. Pong v J. E. Medina and C. L. Chu v C. C. Lam will be decided at the same place on Friday in two sessions at 6 and 9 p.m.

All matches are being played under the distinguished patronage of the Hon Sir Arthur Mors.

SNOOKER LEAGUE

Results of George Young Snooker League matches played last night were:

Eastern "A" beat Club Lusitano 5-0; C/O Mesa Tamar beat Kowloon Tong 3-2.

Rugger Results

The following were the Rugby Union games played today:

Exeter 14, Southwest Counties 18.

Prieston 3, St. Mary's Hospital 0-8-Rutter.

W. Capel Kirby & David Jack's Sports Roundabout

England's Ideal Pivot May Be Found In Scotland

For reasons best known to themselves, England's Soccer selectors don't acknowledge claims of international candidates domiciled in Scotland, Ireland or Wales. More's the pity, because by taking stock for Johnny Paterson, Hibernian centre-half, they could solve a problem which has existed since Neil Franklin's Bogota flight.

Paterson is a victim of fate. He was born at Colchester, Essex, and while still in long clothes, was taken to Egypt. Irony of the situation is that if his father's unit had been drafted to the Suez zone a few days earlier Johnny would have been available for Scotland by virtue of his Scottish parentage. But, he's English, and short of transferring to a club south of the Border, his hopes of a cap appear to be nil. England's selectors could and should remedy the situation.

BOUND FOR STARDOM

Another Paterson showing all signs of developing into a top-notch centre-half is Bill, of Doncaster Rovers, who, unlike his Hibs namesake, has no international complications. Bill hails from the Glasgow area, was spotted while stationed in Lincolnshire, and had a spell with Inverness Thistle.

Many of the 40,000 spectators who saw Chelsea play Newcastle felt they had been cheated when Smith and Harris (Chelsea) and Milburn and Robledo (Newcastle) were "rested".

Theatre folk have the option of getting their money back when the star is indisposed. Football fans have to take what the clubs decide to give them.

Philip Niemann, who strikes the gong at the start of British films, wrestles at Harringay Arena on—appropriately enough—April 1. We hope he has a Arthur Rank's perambulator. Another rumbler appearing calls himself Spencer Churchill. Didn't we once hear of a fighter by that name?

Do Plymouth Argyle, Reading and Brighton footballers want promotion? That's not a catch question and the answer is not so obvious as it looks.

Having spoken to several players concerned in the struggle who were surprised to hear that some are just not interested in the Second Division.

As one player put it: "In the Third Division I'm picking up 22 bonus three weeks out of four. If we're promoted opposition is stiffer and I suffer financially. In fact if we go up it could cost me £50 next season."

THE WHISPERING IS ON—WATCH OUT FOR THE DARK HORSES AT SOOKUNPOO

By "RECORDER"

All the weight of authority met at the Children's Library at the War Memorial Centre, Southern Playground, yesterday to work out details of procedure for the Colony Athletic Championships at Sookunpo this week-end.

In between deciding, among other things, that jumps and throws accomplished in the qualifying rounds on Saturday will stand in the finals on Sunday and that Hongkong had some outstanding athletes, they whispered of the surprises to come.

The only really pleasant surprise at the meeting was the decision that someone jumping 21 feet on Saturday and only 19½ feet on Sunday will still be credited with a best of 21 feet.

The surprises promised are worth some comment. It appears that last night's 400 Metres will be almost as interesting as the final. The line-up consists of Ng Yuen-fok, the holder, J. Denson, W. L. McCall, Ho Sai-hung and L. M. W. Wren.

Ho Sai-hung will probably be the fastest last man in any heat. He has done 57 seconds and looks capable of a better time. He may beat McCall who is relatively new to this distance but should be in the 55-56 seconds class.

Denson ran at Cambridge and has a best of 51 seconds. It is Wren, it appears, is the real unknown quantity. According to available information he has been credited with under 50 seconds. It is a safe bet that neither Denson nor Wren will be much under 53 seconds, but that would be fast enough to give Ng Yuen-fok the only real push he has had since he took up quarter-mile.

Yuen-fok has been in training off and on over the past months, having been shelved for some weeks with a pulled thigh muscle.

FLYER'S COMEBACK

It is a curious fact about sprinting in this Colony that nearly everyone who is any good is connected with the good in some way. Recall, Humzah, Agha and North, are, of course, in the Royal Air Force.

Stephen Xavier is in the HKAAF. Wong Man-wan, who the darkest hints suggest may upset Xavier, is a student at the Far East Flying Training School.

At the Colony Championships last year his best was 112 and 220 yards. He has been taking time out from training in recent months with pulled muscles.

However, I have the authority of no less than Mr. Raleigh Leung to the effect that he has twice been timed recently in 10.9 seconds for 100 Metres and 22.5 seconds for 220 Metres. He has also had the good fortune to be drawn in slow heats in both events on Saturday.

TOUGH ON JENNIFER

Jennifer Hart is as tough as they make them. She will have to run very fast, apparently, to put it mildly, a spanner has been thrown into the works.

Wong Yee-man and Fok Wing-sheung are both known quantities to her. Both left her far behind at Boundary Street in February in the 100 Yards, but she has since improved at a faster rate than Yee-man, who is rather overrated in the moment but will be a real menace when she gets over the state-line. She holds the Colony record of 13.7 seconds, even though beaten by Jennifer recently in 13.5.

Fok Wing-sheung is not a frequent starter, but may be a spanner in the works, comes with Young Yee-kit, almost unknown to competition, who has been credited with two 13.5s in practice. Jennifer may, of course, be capable of 13.4. Who knows?

RECENT HAPPENINGS

The Caroline Hill track last Friday was too lumpy for fast times and the best was not seen from the fastest schoolboys in the Colony. Some 13,000 children attended and there was a noticeable improvement in the sporting outlook as the high jumpers were cheered whether they cleared or not, previous practice having been to greet the misses with what sounded like a horse-laugh.

It must be said for the Hongkong School Sports Association that they ran the show well, police to control the crowd—large as any that has filled Caroline Hill—being conspicuously absent.

Controlling the vast army of officials was not as difficult a task as finding them and Father Maguire thoroughly enjoyed throwing his Irish over the microphone.

When all was over the officials appropriately celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Inter-School Sports and Mr. Colin McEwan announced that next year the Kowloon schools would hold their heats at Boundary Street and the Hongkong schools on some Hongkong ground, with the final meeting on a neutral ground.

More than that, heats may even be held at Un Long or Cheung Chau and there will probably be a full programme of girls' events to prevent a situation developing where the King George V Middle Girls may want to have it out with the winners of the Inter-School "C" Grade.

St. Joseph's, who won the "C" Grade on Friday, pronounced themselves quite willing for such a match, though the suggestion was greeted by some of the Middle Girls with a loud "Waaahh!"

THE HIGHLIGHTS

Highlight of the meet was Lee Shu-chung's record-breaking run in the 1,500 Metres. I had thought that Reggie Silva's mark would stand for years.

Then there was La Salle's Dennis Chan, who looked like he was going to upset the greatest schoolboy hurdler in history, his teammate, A. Colloco, when he came a cropper on the last hurdle.

There was also Diocesan's Cheng Man-ching, who cut through the toughest competition ever assembled to finish second in the 100 Metres.

Then there was La Salle's George Thumby, who upset Wah Yung Ling, the only schoolboy jumper who has ever cleared 5 feet 10 inches in this Colony but never a success at Inter-School meets.

Finally came the real upset of the day when Diocesan's Stephen King George V School for surprise second in the 400 Metres. He was followed by E. Yuen-fok, La Salle, of course, were the victors in record time.

BEST PERFORMANCES

Best performances by Colony athletes in January, February and March follow:

100 YARDS

Stephen Xavier (La Salle) 10.2
Norman Lo (University) 10.4
Cheung Yung-chun (SCAA) 10.4
L/Cpl. Daniels (Army) 10.4
Tpr. Derek Ball (3 RTR) 10.5
Yung Ling (SCAA) 10.5
Lt. Shelley (Middlesex) 10.5
Fung Kut-lee (Wah Yan) 10.6
Yung Ling (SCAA) 10.6
C/Ms Coleman (1 A & S) 10.6

200 YARDS

Stephen Xavier (La Salle) 22.5
Cheung Yung-chun (SCAA) 22.5
L/Cpl. Daniels (Army) 22.5
Fung Kut-lee (Wah Yan) 22.5
Yung Ling (SCAA) 22.5
Lt. Shelley (Middlesex) 22.5
Fung Kut-lee (Wah Yan) 22.5
Yung Ling (SCAA) 22.5
C/Ms Coleman (1 A & S) 22.5

400 METRES

Stephen Xavier (La Salle) 52.7
Cheung Yung-chun (SCAA) 52.7
L/Cpl. T. E. Williams (Army) 52.7
Leung Kam-po (NMC) 52.7
C/Ms Coleman (1 A & S) 52.7
Fung Kut-lee (Wah Yan) 52.7
Yung Ling (SCAA) 52.7
Lt. Shelley (Middlesex) 52.7
Fung Kut-lee (Wah Yan) 52.7
Yung Ling (SCAA) 52.7
C/Ms Coleman (1 A & S) 52.7

800 METRES

Stephen Xavier (La Salle) 2:05.0
Cheung Yung-chun (SCAA) 2:05.0
L/Cpl. T. E. Williams (Army) 2:05.0
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C/Ms Coleman (1 A & S) 2:05.0

1,500 METRES

Stephen Xavier (La Salle) 4:27.5
Cheung Yung-chun (SCAA) 4:27.5
L/Cpl. T. E. Williams (Army) 4:27.5
Leung Kam-po (NMC) 4:27.5
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Cheung Yung-chun (SCAA) 16:55.0
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10 METRES HURDLES

Stephen Xavier (La Salle) 1:05.0
Cheung Yung-chun (SCAA) 1:05.0
L/Cpl. T. E. Williams (Army) 1:05.0
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SHOT PUT

Stephen Xavier (La Salle) 37.5
Cheung Yung-chun (SCAA) 37.5
L/Cpl. T. E. Williams (Army) 37.5
Leung Kam-po (NMC) 37.5
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Fung Kut-lee (Wah Yan) 37.5
Yung Ling (SCAA) 37.5
C/Ms Coleman (1 A & S) 37.5

DISCUS THROW

Stephen Xavier (La Salle) 100.2
Cheung Yung-chun (SCAA) 100.2
L/Cpl. T. E. Williams (Army) 100.2
Leung Kam-po (NMC) 100.2
C/Ms Coleman (1 A & S) 100.2
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Yung Ling (SCAA) 100.2
C/Ms Coleman (1 A & S) 100.2

JAVELIN THROW

Stephen Xavier (La Salle) 102.4
Cheung Yung-chun (SCAA) 102.4
L/Cpl. T. E. Williams (Army) 102.4
Leung Kam-po (NMC) 102.4
C/Ms Coleman (1 A & S) 102.4
Fung Kut-lee (Wah Yan) 102.4
Yung Ling (SCAA) 102.4
Lt. Shelley (Middlesex) 102.4
Fung Kut-lee (Wah Yan) 102.4
Yung Ling (SCAA) 102.4
C/Ms Coleman (1 A & S) 102.4

BOYS' EVENTS

100 YARDS

Lam Kok-lan (SCAA) 12.5
Wong Yee-man (SCAA) 12.5
Fok Wing-sheung (SCAA) 12.5
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200 YARDS

Lam Kok-lan (SCAA) 25.0
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SHOT PUT

Lam Kok-lan (SCAA) 37.5
Wong Yee-man (SCAA) 37.5
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DISCUS THROW

Lam Kok-lan (SCAA) 100.2
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JAVELIN THROW

Lam Kok-lan (SCAA) 102.4
Wong Yee-man (SCAA) 102.4
Fok Wing-sheung (SCAA) 102.4
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200 YARDS

Lam Kok-lan (SCAA) 25.0
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400 YARDS

Lam Kok-lan (SCAA) 52.7
Wong Yee-man (SCAA) 52.7
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JAVELIN THROW

Lam Kok-lan (SCAA) 102.4
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400 YARDS

Lam Kok-lan (SCAA) 52.7
Wong Yee-man (SCAA) 52.7
Fok Wing-sheung (SCAA) 52.7
Shirley White (SCAA) 52.7
Fok Wing-s

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"SOOCHOW"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 10th Apr.

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"YOKOHAMA"	Bangkok	6th Apr.
"SHENKING"	Keelung	7 a.m. 7th Apr.
"HUPHAI"	Tientsin	7th Apr.
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"CHANGTE"	Japan	8th May

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Sails	Arrives	
G. "AENEAS" Liverpool	Rotterdam	Hong Kong
S. "ASCANIUS" do	Sailed	4th Apr.
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S. "AGAPENOR" do	—	17th Apr.
G. "CALCHAS" do	—	24th Apr.
G. "AUTOMEDON" 5th Apr.	—	1st May
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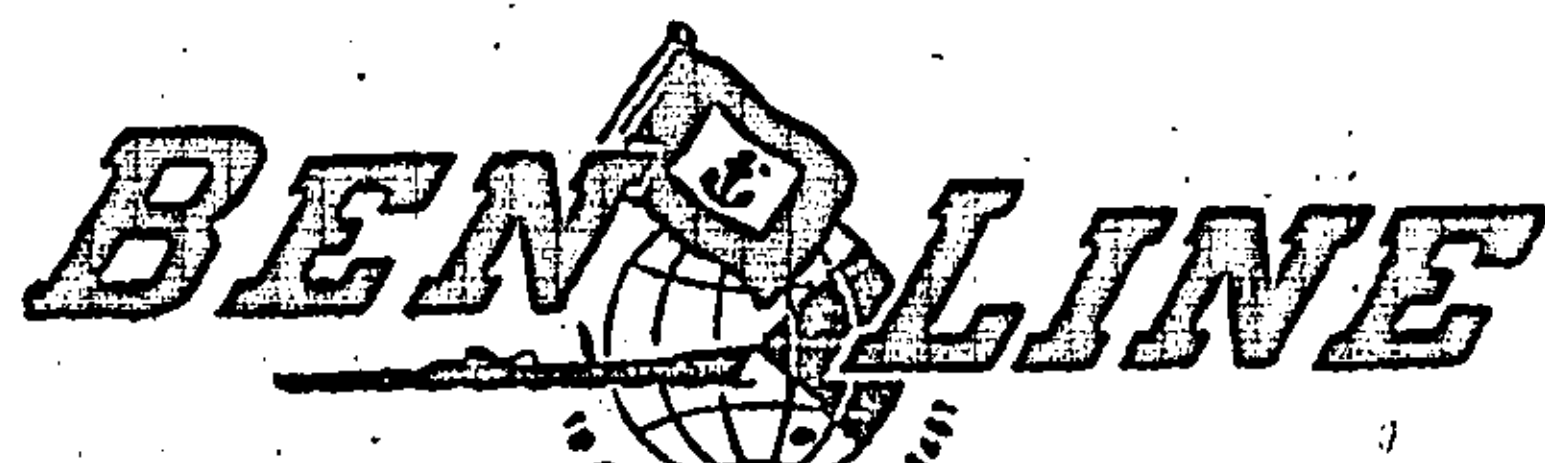
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"BENMACDHUI"	U.K. via Singapore	24th Apr.
"BENDORAN"	U.K. via Singapore	17th May

SAILINGS

SHIPS	TO	DATE
"BENLEDI"	Kure, Yokohama & Kobe	10th Apr.
"BENCROACHAN"	Direct to Singapore, thence Havre, London & Hamburg.	11th Apr.
"BENCLEUCH"	Avonmouth, Liverpool, Glasgow & Antwerp.	22nd Apr.
"BENMACDHUI"	Kure, Yokohama & Kobe	28th Apr.
"BENLEDI"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Dublin & Hamburg.	9th May
"BENDORAN"	London, Rotterdam & Hull.	21st May
"BENMACDHUI"	Direct to Singapore, thence Havre, London & Antwerp.	30th May

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

CIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES
Consignees per Company's
n.v. "LA MAURELLAISE"

are hereby notified that their cargo
is being discharged into the Hong-
kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown
Company's godowns, where it will be at
Consignees' risk and subject to the
Wharf's terms and conditions of
storage, and where delivery may
be obtained as soon as the goods
are landed.

Damaged packages are to be left
in the Godowns for examination by
Consignees and the Company's Surveyors,
Messrs. Goddard & Douglas
at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 5th April,
1952.

To comply with the General
Bonded Warehouse Regulations
Consignees must have a Revenue
Officer in attendance when damaged
dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after
the goods have left the steamer's
godowns, and all goods remaining
undelivered after 4th April, 1952,
will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer
must be presented to the under-
signed on or before 24th April, 1952,
or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

CIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES

Hongkong, 1st April, 1952.

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n/v "OLUF MAERSK"

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are hereby notified that their goods
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& Kowloon Wharf & Godown Com-
pany's godowns at Kowloon, where
delivery may be obtained as soon as
the goods are landed.

Optional cargo will not be landed
here, unless notice has been given
48 hours prior to vessel's arrival, but
carried on from port to port to the
final port of call to which the option
extends.

No claims will be admitted after
the goods have left the Godowns,
and all goods remaining undelivered
after 4th April, 1952, will be
subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged
goods are to be left in the Godowns
where they will be examined by
Surveyors Messrs. Goddard &
Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded
Warehouse Regulations consignees
must have a Revenue Officer
in attendance when damaged dutiable
goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before
the 24th April, 1952, or they will
not be recognised.

No Insurance will be effected.

JEBSEN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1952.

Wife Pleads For Absent Doctor

London, Mar. 31.

Mrs Vera Groves, wife of a doctor convicted of driving while under the influence of drink, pleaded with the Disciplinary Committee of the General Medical Council not to strike her husband's name from the Medical Register.

"It is as though his soul is in chains," said Mrs Groves. "He is mentally and physically ill, but he refuses to see a doctor. He has retired from the medical service and I wondered if you could allow him to retire without disgrace."

The case before the Medical Disciplinary Committee for consideration was that of Dr Harold Stanley Groves, aged 63, registered as of The Poplars, Blagrove - Lane, Littleover, Derby. The charges were that in October 1949, at Derby, Dr Groves was fined £30 and had his licence endorsed for driving under the influence of drugs and that on January 3, 1951, he was fined £20 and disqualified for 12 months for driving under the influence of drink.

The case had been postponed twice because Dr Groves was ill.

NO SOLICITOR

Mrs Groves, who leaned against a table and trembled as she addressed the committee, said she had pleaded with her husband to see a doctor, but he refused; and he would not instruct a solicitor.

Referring to the stigma of removal from the medical register, she said: "We have a family who are doing well, a daughter who is in law; it won't help there if we come up against disgrace of this kind."

"I want to impress that he has done a lot of good," Mrs Groves ended her plea. "He has looked after the poor and looked after the elderly, and they think a tremendous lot about him."

After she had agreed to try once more to persuade her husband to appear before the Council or to see a doctor, the case was postponed until May.

Student Told To Stay Away After 'Rag'

London, Mar. 31.

An 18-year-old student at University College, London, David Lane, has been advised not to attend lectures at the college for the time being following an incident during which a lecturer drank some iodine formaldehyde thinking it was beer.

David waited for a letter which would summon him before the provost.

The lecturer, Dr A. L. Cullen, has been in bed in his home in Eastbourne-avenue, Acton, W., since the incident.

It happened when Dr Cullen gave the annual "rag lecture." The lecturer on these occasions is expected to burlesque his subject as part of the rag. During his talk, Dr Cullen poured out a cup of tea. That was all right. Then he ate some biscuits, which were all right too.

But then he reached beneath his chair and held up a bottle of beer, saying: "You don't mind, do you?" There was a roar of laughter from the 150 engineering students present.

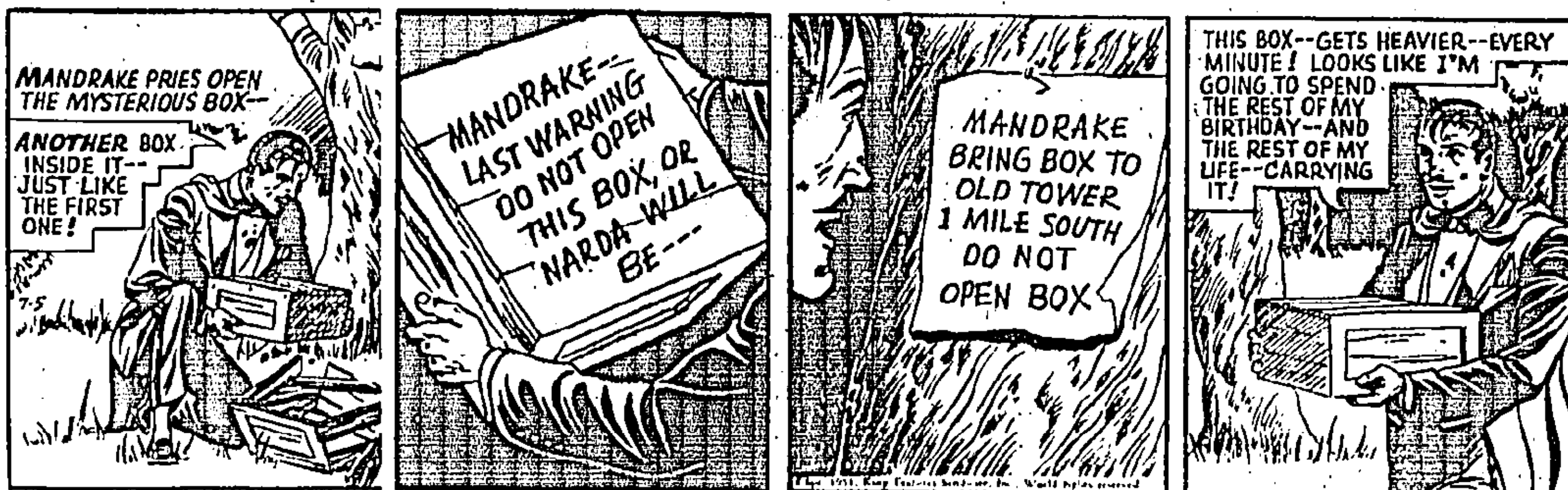
Dr Cullen took two quick drinks—and collapsed. He was taken to hospital.

A student who was at the lecture said: "The vice-president demanded to know what was in the bottle so that an antidote could be given. Someone said iodine formaldehyde had been substituted for the beer. We realised then how serious it was."

Iodine formaldehyde is used for pickling chemical and biological specimens.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

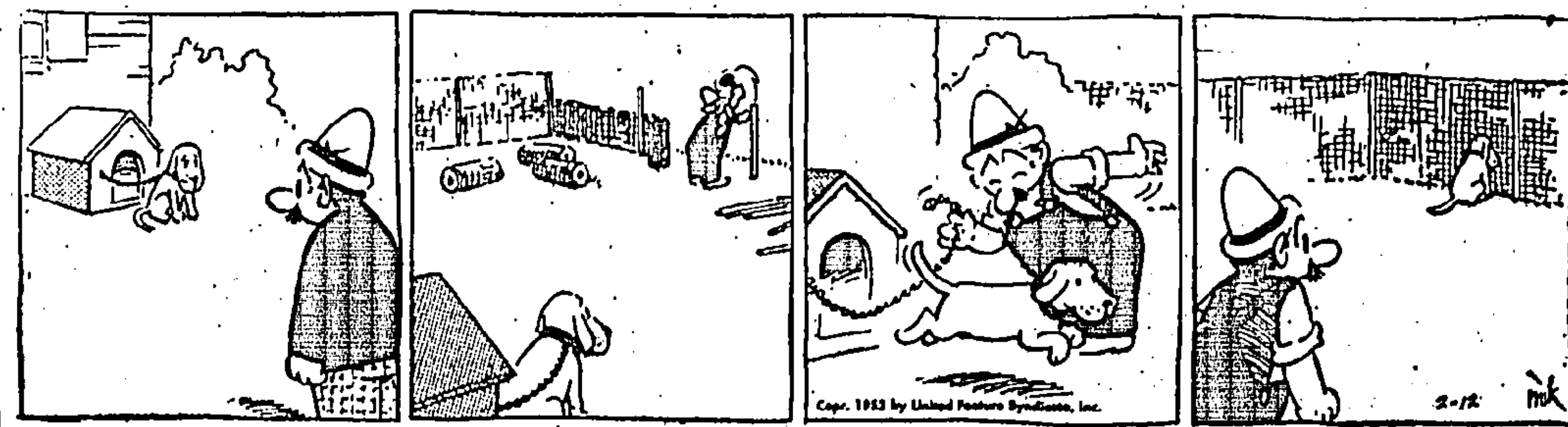
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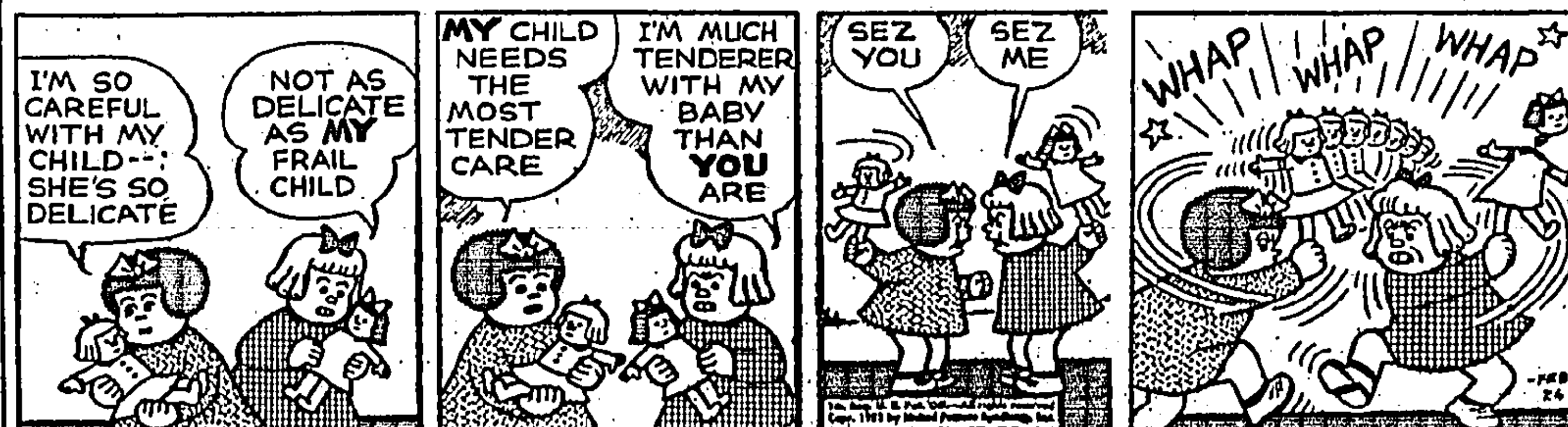
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BRADLEY BACKS AID REQUEST

Washington, Mar. 31.

General Omar Bradley today urged the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to approve the full \$7,900,000,000 requested by the Administration for foreign aid, but said that if any cuts were made they should be on a percentage basis rather than on specific items.

The Committee chairman, Senator Tom Connally, said that General Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, had told the Committee in a closed session that the proposed Mutual Security Administration budget was well planned.

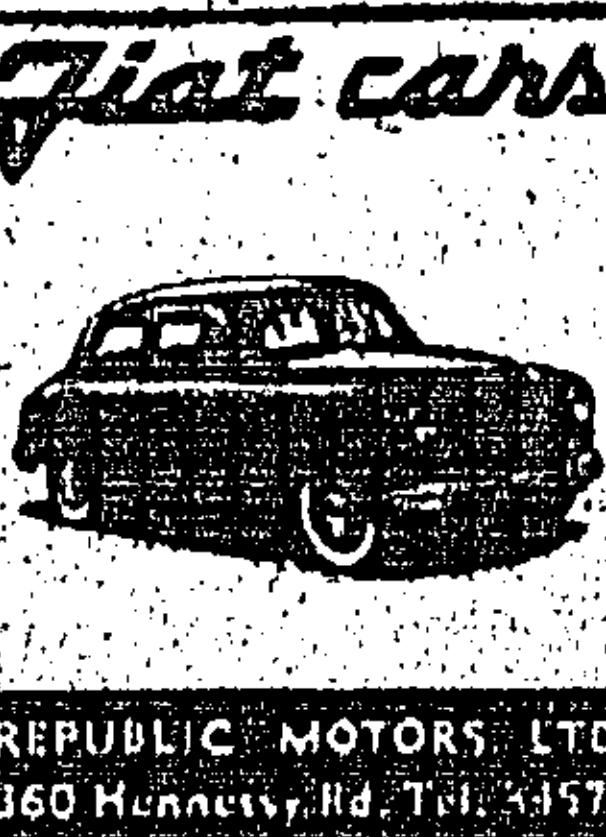
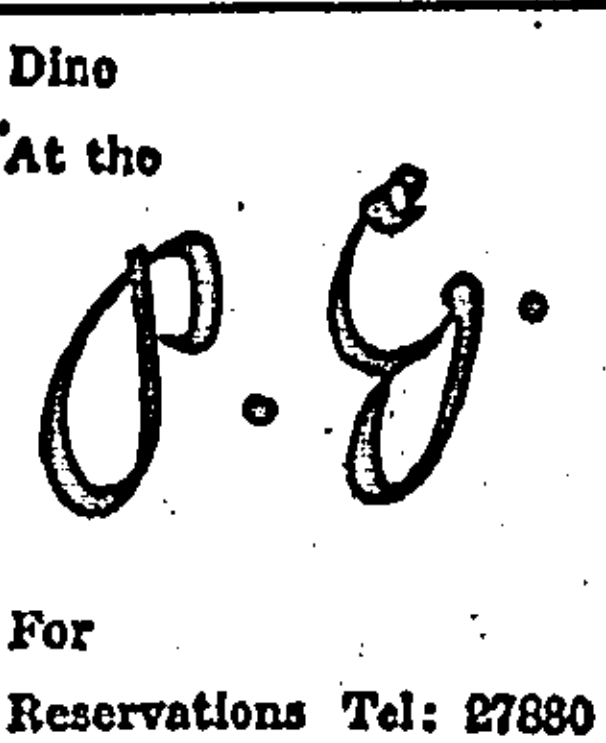
General Bradley said that if Congress felt the country could not afford the full amount the whole proposal should be reviewed.

Western Europe eventually should furnish the men and equipment for its own defence, he added.

Maj.-Gen. William Arnold, chief of the U.S. military mission to Turkey, told the Committee that the funds requested for military aid to the Greeks and Turks would be a sound investment.

Greece and Turkey were the poorest of the North Atlantic Treaty nations in material goods, but "possess priceless wealth in guts."

The United States military aid programmes in Greece and Turkey had been eminently successful and had paid appreciable dividends—United Press and Reuter.



MESSAGERIES MARITIMES



Ship	Arriving	Leaving	Outward For
"LA MARSEILLAISE"	Apr. 1	Apr. 1	Yokohama & Kobe
"MAPLE HILL"	Apr. 1	Apr. 1	Yokohama & Kobe
Homeward For			
"ZELIDIA"	Apr. 4	Apr. 5	N. Africa & Europe
"LA MARSEILLAISE"	Apr. 11	Apr. 12	Manila via Manila
"BEAUVAIS"	May 1	May 2	N. Africa & Europe

† freight for Saigon, Alexandria, Tunis, Genoa, Marseilles, Algiers, Oran, Tangier, Casablanca, Havre, Dunkirk, Antwerp & Rotterdam.

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on

Tuesday the 1st of April at 8 p.m.

Passengers are requested to board the vessel with their cabin baggage on the 1st of April, between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Baggage Room and Hold Baggage will be registered at Kowloon Godown No. 50 (No. 2 Gate Canton Road, Entrance) on the 1st of April between 9 a.m. and Noon only.

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Leaving Hongkong for Cheung Chau	Leaving Cheung Chau for Hongkong
6.20 a.m. (Direct)	7.00 a.m. (Via S.M.B. & Ping Chau)
8.55 " (Direct)	10.20 " (Direct)
9.10 " (Via Ping Chau & S.M.B.)	11.10 " (Via S.M.B. & Ping Chau)
10.00 " (Direct)	11.25 " (Direct)
11.00 " (Via Ping Chau & S.M.B.)	12.30 p.m. (Via S.M.B. & Ping Chau)
11.30 " (Direct)	1.45 " (Direct)
1.10 p.m. (Via Ping Chau & S.M.B.)	3.00 " (Direct)
1.30 " (Direct)	4.30 " (Direct)
4.20 " (Via Ping Chau & S.M.B.)	4.45 " (Via S.M.B. & Ping Chau)
4.30 " (Direct)	6.15 " (Direct)
6.00 " (Direct)	6.30 " (Direct)

SILVERMINE BAY FERRY SERVICE	
Leaving Hongkong for Silvermine Bay	Leaving Silvermine Bay for Hongkong
9.00 a.m. (Direct)	7.30 a.m. (Via Ping Chau)
9.10 " (Via Ping Chau)	11.40 " (Via Ping Chau)
11.00 " (Via Ping Chau)	2.00 p.m. (Via Ping Chau)
1.30 p.m. (Via Ping Chau)	5.00 " (Direct)
3.20 " (Direct)	5.15 " (Via Ping Chau)
4.30 " (Via Ping Chau)	5.40 " (Via Cheung Chau)

PING CHAU FERRY SERVICE	
Leaving Hongkong for Ping Chau	Leaving Ping Chau for Hongkong
9.10 a.m.	7.50 a.m.
11.00 "	12.00 noon
1.30 p.m.	2.20 p.m.
4.30 "	5.35 "

TAI O—CASTLE PEAK FERRY SERVICE	
Leaving Hongkong	Leaving Tai O
Hongkong 2.00 p.m.	Tai O 7.00 a.m.
Kap Sui Mun 3.00 "	Tung Chung 3.00 "
Castle Peak 3.45 "	Castle Peak 3.45 "
Tung Chung 4.30 "	Kap Sui Mun 3.15 "
Arriving Tai O 5.45 "	Arriving Hongkong 10.30 "

SUNDAY EXCURSION—DIRECT to TAI O

Leaving Hongkong 8.30 a.m. Leaving Tai O 5.00 p.m.

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COLONIES MAY HAVE TO PAY MORE FOR COTTON GOODS

Effect Of UK Suspension Of Grey Cloth Imports

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Mar. 31. The Colonies will pay more for low-grade cotton piece-goods in the immediate future—unless they can buy from foreign markets. This is the effect of the suspension of further licences for the import of grey cloth from Japan, announced during last week's House of Commons debate on the textile industry.

The suspension was one of the measures proposed to combat Britain's textile slump.

New York Foreign Exchanges

Country	Rate
Canada	1.00
England	1.00
France	1.00
Germany	1.00
Italy	1.00
Japan	1.00
Netherlands	1.00
Portugal	1.00
Spain	1.00
Sweden	1.00
Switzerland	1.00
U.S.A.	1.00

MIDDLE EAST

Egypt	2.00
Iran	2.00
Iraq	2.00
Turkey	2.00

LATIN AMERICA

Argentina	0.75
Brazil	0.75
Bolivia	0.75
Chile	0.75
Colombia	0.75
Cuba	0.75
Peru	0.75
Uruguay	0.75
Venezuela	0.75

FAR EAST

India	2.00
Malaya	2.00
Philippines	2.00
Siam	2.00
Thailand	2.00
China	2.00

The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Mar. 31.

Prices of rubber futures

closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb. 111 1/2-112 1/2

Number 2 rubber, per lb. 109 1/2-110 1/2

Number 3 rubber, per lb. 107 1/2-108 1/2

Spot rubber, unbleached 112 1/2-113 1/2

Blanket crepe 131-132

No. 1 pale crepe 131-132

United Press.

LONDON MARKET

Prices of rubber futures

closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb. 112 1/2-113 1/2

Number 2 rubber, per lb. 110 1/2-111 1/2

Number 3 rubber, per lb. 108 1/2-109 1/2

Spot rubber, unbleached 112 1/2-113 1/2

Blanket crepe 131-132

No. 1 pale crepe 131-132

United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET

Prices of rubber futures

closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb. 112 1/2-113 1/2

Number 2 rubber, per lb. 110 1/2-111 1/2

Number 3 rubber, per lb. 108 1/2-109 1/2

Spot rubber, unbleached 112 1/2-113 1/2

Blanket crepe 131-132

No. 1 pale crepe 131-132

United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local

exchange market, this

morning at the following

rates: (per \$1)

100 = 1.00

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New York Foreign Exchanges

Country	Rate
Canada	1.00
England	1.00
France	1.00
Germany	1.00
Italy	1.00
Japan	1.00
Netherlands	1.00
Portugal	1.00
Spain	1.00
Sweden	1.00
Switzerland	1.00
U.S.A.	1.00

MIDDLE EAST

Egypt	2.00
Iran	2.00
Iraq	2.00
Turkey	2.00

LATIN AMERICA

Argentina	0.75
Brazil	0.75
Bolivia	0.75
Chile	0.75
Colombia	0.75
Cuba	0.75
Peru	0.75
Uruguay	0.75
Venezuela	0.75

FAR EAST

India	2.00
Malaya	2.00
Philippines	2.00
Siam	2.00
Thailand	2.00
China	2.00

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Mar. 31.

Prices of grain futures

closed today as follows:

Wheat—price per bushel

Spot 2.25 1/2-2.26 1/2

May 2.25 1/2-2.26 1/2

July 2.25 1/2-2.26 1/2

September 2.25 1/2-2.26 1/2

December 2.25 1/2-2.26 1/2

United Press.

TRADE WITH CHINA

London, Mar. 31.

Leaders of the cotton industry,

backed by Members of

Parliament, are seeking to

increase exports to Communist

China and countries behind the

Iron Curtain to help solve

Britain's textile slump.

During Parliament's long

textile industry debate on

March 26, suggestions for in-

creased trade with both Com-

munist China and Russia were

made by 14 speakers from both

sides of the House.

Some suggestions were made

that Britain should relax its

ban on the export of machine

tools and other strategic ma-

terials as an inducement to

Communist purchase of British

textiles.

The Board of Trade said to-

day that there was no ban on

the export of textiles to Red

China but it was the Peking

regime itself that was keeping

such trade "at arms length."

The British cotton textiles could

be exported freely under

existing export licences, accord-

ing to rules laid down by the

British Government on June 10,

1951.

During the past six months,

officials said, there have been

no applications for textile ex-

ports to China and the only ap-

parent reason was that the

Government's trading require-

ments made such business im-

possible.

"It is all very well for the

Chinese to say they want to

buy our textiles, but their ideas

are keeping us at arms length. We

have done our best to trade, but

with no success," officials said.

In Parliament, Mr. Sidney

Silverman (Lab.) charged that

trade with China could readily

be opened if Britain would rid

itself of "political inhibitions."

Another Labour Member, Mr.

H. Davies, said Britain should

never have agreed to the United

States policy of restricting trade

with China.

Mrs. Barbara Castle, a leading

member of Aneurin Bevan's

Leftist faction, led suggestions

that Britain should discard ex-

ports and the textiles in-

strument to seek means of in-

creasing Chinese and East

European imports of textiles

from Western Europe.

"Under trade agreements,

Britain received considerable

quantities of grain and timber

from Russia," he said. "It is

reasonable to expect that Rus-

sia should take some of our

consumer goods in exchange."

Meanwhile, there was evi-

dence that Red China was de-

spicately short of cotton goods.

Official reports from Peking

said Chinese cotton concerns

were closing for long periods

through lack of raw materials,

partly due to United Nations

sanctions and partly through

growers' hoarding. — United

Press.

Japanese Slump

Tokyo, Mar. 31.

The Ministry of International

Trade and Industry will not

take any drastic action to cope

with the current slump in the

